THE WEATHER
Generally cloudy, probably with rain tonight and Saturday. Cooler Saturday. Brisk to high southwest winds.

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WAS MASSACRED

Lowell Soldier Was Boloed Out of Revenge

Concerning the report from Washington that there is a movement on foot to secure a pardon for Gen. Aguino, a Filipino officer, who is serving a 20-year sentence for shooting American prisoners, there is likely to be some interest taken in Massachusetts, as one of the victims was a man from this state, a private of the 9th regulars, named Cook, who went from Lowell.

The circumstances were such that it seems hardly credible that Aguino can be cleared of guilt in this matter, nevertheless the papers have been referred to President Roosevelt with a favorable recommendation.

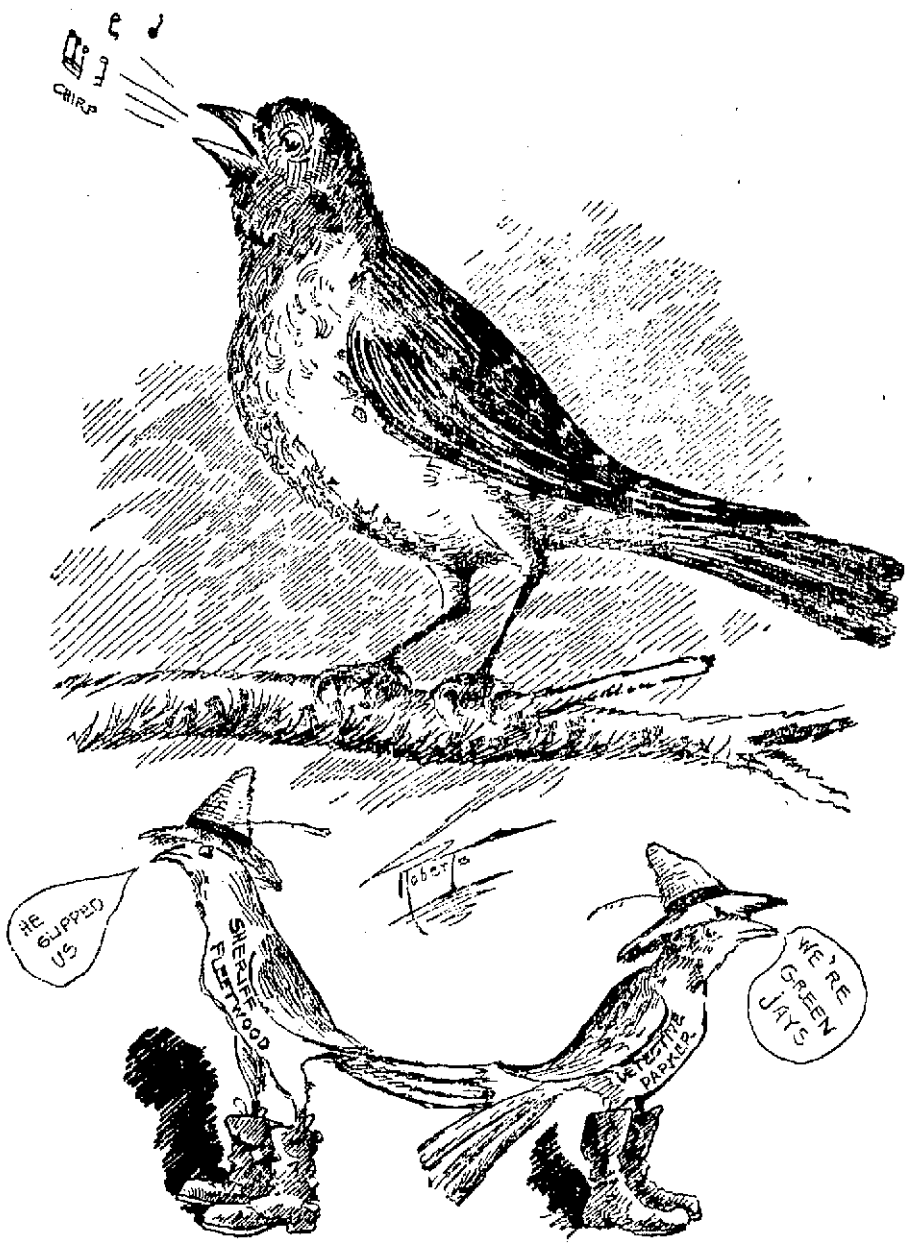
During the campaign up the railroad in the fall of 1899, five soldiers were captured by the Filipinos at different times and places. Of these three belonged to the 9th regulars, and two to the 12th regulars. Several weeks later after Aguinaldo's army had been dispersed, the U. S. troops learned that these soldiers were held as prisoners on the top of Mt. Arayat, one of the prominent peaks in northern Luzon. Gen. Fred D. Grant, who was in charge of that military district, decided to attempt the rescue of the men, but his purpose was communicated to the natives, and he received a message from the alleged commander on Mt. Arayat, who signed himself Gen. Aguino, warning him that if the Americans attempted to take the position he would shoot the prisoners.

Gen. Grant, undeterred by this threat, sent a battalion of the 25th U. S. infantry to storm the mountain, which it was successful in accomplishing; but on reaching the summit the men were astonished to find that the natives had carried out the threat. They had lined up the five soldiers against a house and fired a volley at them, afterward cutting them with bolos. Two of the men were still alive, one Private Cook, the other Sergt. Pedersen of the 12th infantry, Cook died in a few minutes, but Pedersen recovered. In his agony he had thrown himself over an embankment and in this way escaped the final onslaught.

Many months later, when the guerilla bands began to surrender, Gen. Aguino was captured. He was tried by a military commission and sentenced to death. This sentence was commuted to 20 years in Bilibid prison, Manila.

Sergt. Pedersen, the only survivor of this massacre, is now dead. After his recovery he was discharged for disability and returned to the United States, but, being an old soldier of 17 years' service, he was not happy outside the army. He went to Washington and received special permission to re-enlist.

In the summer of 1901 he joined the 27th U. S. infantry, a new regiment then being organized at Plattsburg barracks, and was made first sergeant of Co. F. He returned to the Philippines with the 27th in January, 1902, and in the following May took part in the sanguinary fight with the Moros, known as the battle of Bayan, in which Co. F lost both its commissioned officers, Lieuts. Vicars and Jossman, and Sergt. Pedersen distinguished himself when the command devolved upon him. In less than two weeks, however, he fell a victim to a Moro bullet during a night attack while seated in his tent. He was the only man killed in this latter engagement.



THE FIRST ROBIN WAS SEEN ON BELVIDERE HEIGHTS THIS MORNING.

Two "Blue Jays" were also seen by our local police in East Billerica, Wednesday, but they found things rather frosty around here and back to New Jersey they've flown.

PACEY SET FREE

Boston Man Able to Prove Alibi

LYNN, March 25—Lynn police officers, with men who saw the three men with whom John Tucker had the altercation that ended in one of them killing him with a revolver bullet Wednesday night, went to Boston this morning to attempt identification of David Pacey, night clerk at the Hotel Westminster, arrested through the efforts of Inspectors Colby and Fitzgerald of the Lynn police at the hotel during the night.

David H. Pacey, night clerk of the Westminster Chambers, established an alibi today. Five witnesses testified that he was at the hotel at the time of the Lynn shooting.

Lynn officers arrived here today with a warrant against David H. J. Pacey, night clerk of the Westminster Chambers in this city, who was detained last night on suspicion of being the man who shot John J. Tucker, an expressman in Lynn on Wednesday night. Pacey was turned over to the Lynn police after a preliminary hearing at police headquarters.

W. A. Barrett, manager of the hotel, and four persons employed there, testified that Pacey was at the hotel at the time of the shooting in Lynn.

The clerk will be given a hearing in that city.

SCALDED TO DEATH

AN ENGINEER AND BRAKEMAN KILLED IN WRECK.

NILES, Mich., March 25—A westbound Michigan Central freight train was wrecked at midnight near here by a washout. Engineer Edward French and Brakeman Frank E. Young were scalded to death in the engine by escaping steam. Fireman Ross Moser was terribly scalded and may die. Ten freight cars were demolished.

Deposits made in the Lowell Five Cent Savings bank begin to draw interest April 2nd.

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Silver Prunes.....15c lb.
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Evaporated Apricots.....15c lb.
Evaporated Peaches.....12c lb.
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At 50c per Lb., 3 Lbs. $1.35
The Best Value in Lowell.

Yerxa's Best Flour.....$6.50 bbl.; 85c bag
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Houlton Green Mountain Potatoes.....$1.15 bush.; 30c peck

As the season for planting draws near we would call attention to the fact that we carry a full line of grass, field and garden seeds. Our seed catalogue may be had for the asking.

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FOUND GUILTY

Boardinghouse Keeper Was Fined

HE WAS CHARGED WITH SELLING BEER

The Case Was a Very Long Winded One

Stephen H. Murphy, in police court today, pleaded not guilty to a complaint charging him with illegally keeping liquor. Officer Brown was the first witness. He said that in company with other officers of the liquor squad he called on the defendant at 203 Dutton street on Thursday evening, March 10. In a room on the second floor he said he found two cases of beer and three men were drinking from bottles.

He asked who the beer belonged to and two of the men, J. Caldwell and J. Barr said the beer belonged to them. One case was marked J. Caldwell and the other J. Barr. Mr. Murphy, Officer Brown said, was present but did not say anything.

He asked the men if they lived in the house and they said they did not.

Mrs. Murphy, Officer Brown said, told him that the beer was received at the house some time during the afternoon.

Officer Atkinson said he asked Mr. Murphy who owned the beer and Mr. Murphy said the addresses on the cases would tell whom they belonged to. He spoke of a conversation he had with J. Barr relative to the beer. There were five full bottles in the case that bore his name.

"I asked him," said the officer if it was really his beer and he said it was. He said the beer came in during the day and I asked him if he drank it all himself and he said he had given three or four bottles away.

There were only five full bottles remaining in the case. I asked him how many bottles he drank and he said five or six. I asked him where the rest of it had gone to and he said he didn't know."

Further testimony of a corroborative nature was given by Officers Corcoran and Grady.

The expressman who delivered the beer was a government witness and the delivery sheets used by the express company were submitted as evidence. According to the delivery sheets five cases of beer were delivered at 203 Dutton street April 27, three on March 1, three on March 4, three on March 5 and three more cases March 10.

Patrolman Thomas Riley, whose beat is in the vicinity and including that portion of Dutton street where the defendant lives, was the last witness for the government. His mission was to prove traffic and he did a very good job.

"Who have you seen going in there?" asked the prosecuting officer.

"Storekeepers, train men, coal drivers, gas men, hack drivers, city men and others."

"I'd like to know the others," said counsel for the defendant; "it seems to me you have mentioned pretty nearly everything on the calendar."

Patrolman Riley said he had seen several men drunk on the premises on several occasions.

Stephen H. Murphy, the defendant, said he didn't know anything about the beer. He said he allowed it was none of his business if his boarders had beer in their rooms. He didn't know when the beer arrived, he said, and didn't know that 27 cases of beer had been delivered at his house within a space of ten or fifteen days.

James J. Barr said that the case containing five bottles belonged to him.

According to Mr. Barr's story he likes beer pretty well. In response to a question by Deputy Welch as to the amount of beer he was in the habit of drinking, Barr said he never kept very close track of the amount.

"Would you drink 24 bottles a day?" asked the deputy.

"Probably I would," said Barr, and the gallery gods snickered.

"How much wages do you get?" asked the deputy.

"Eight or nine dollars a week," replied Barr.

"And you are in the habit of buying five or six cases of beer?"

"Sometimes, not always."

Barr said that the men who were drinking beer when the officers arrived at Murphy's boarding-house were his guests.

The case was a long winded one, seven witnesses being sworn for the government and six for the defense.

After a brief but careful review of the evidence, Judge Hadley found the defendant guilty and ordered him to pay a fine of $75. Defendant appealed and was ordered in $300 for the superior court.

A WIDOW'S AFFLICTION.

The many friends of Mrs. Melnerny of 78 Tyler street will be pained to learn of the dangerous illness of her little daughter Addie, who has typhoid fever. Addie is a bright little girl of seven years. She is a pupil of the Training school and is a favorite with her schoolmates and teachers. Mrs. Melnerny is having more than her share of trouble, her husband having died only four months ago.

First class suits at low prices at Cooper's.

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OPPOSITE CITY HALL.

IN POLICE COURT

Young Man Sent to the Reformatory

Until official notice is received, relative to the abatement of diphtheria at the jail, Judge Hadley will continue to send drunken offenders who meet with direct sentences to the workhouse instead of to the jail. In police court today Thomas A. Niland, charged with drunkenness, was sentenced to the common jail for ten days but later the sentence was made to read ten days at the workhouse.

Several direct sentences were imposed and a few foolish appeals were taken. Frank Conole, above whose head a reformatory sentence was suspended, pleaded guilty to drunkenness. The suspension of the former sentence was revoked and he stood committed to the reformatory. He appealed and was ordered in $400 for the superior court.

Joseph Fontaine, for drunkenness, was sentenced to four months in the house of correction. Edward F. Lynch, for drunkenness, was sentenced to the state farm. He appealed and was ordered in $200 for the superior court.

Anton J. Swanson, charged with assault and battery on his wife, was placed on probation.

OLD TAR DEAD

CAPTAIN HALL DIED AT ROCKLAND, ME.

ROCKLAND, Me., March 25—Captain Andrew J. Hall, a well known sea captain who had made several voyages around the world, died suddenly today from paralysis, aged 73 years. Captain Hall had followed the sea since 14 years old, retiring seven years ago.

He was in command of the Boston brig Golconda which foundered in the gulf stream about 15 years ago and was rescued with his entire crew from the top of the afterhouse a few minutes before the vessel sank.

FUNERALS

CURTIS—The funeral services of the late Mrs. Augusta A. Curtis took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Thrasher, 42 Waugh street. Rev. Mr. Kingsley officiating. The body was taken to Mt. Vernon, N. H., this morning for burial.

WESCOTT—The funeral of Hannah L. Wescott took place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 302 Nesmith street. Services were held at St. John's church, Rev. Mr. Waters officiating. Burial was in the Lowell cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Currier.

COMPANY M MEDALS.

The annual meeting of Company M, of the Ninth regiment, did not take place at the state armory in Westford street last night. Owing to the late arrival of the medals and buttons for the marksmen and long-service men there was not time to sort them out, so Capt. McNulty postponed presentation until next Thursday night, when a smoke talk and general good time will follow the presentation.

BUSINESS DULL

At the Different City Departments

RESULT OF DELAY OVER APPROPRIATIONS

Spring Work Will Not Start on Time

Business except that which never waits is all tied up at City Hall because of the failure of the annual appropriations to be made. No committee meetings have been held for their is no money for them to work on, although every appropriation has been approved, except that for the city stone at the ambulance stable. The matter is laid on the table until one week from Tuesday, when both branches of the city council will meet and until that time there will be little business at the municipal building.

"I never saw it so dull," said Clerk Dowling to The Sun reporter this morning, but business will come soon and when it does after this delay we may expect it to come with a rush."

DEATHS

HOWARD—Mrs. Jane Howard, aged 72 years, widow of Lyman Howard, died suddenly at her home, 73 Congress street, yesterday. Heart disease was the cause of death. Mrs. Howard was enjoying the best of health up to last evening. Just before retiring she complained of not feeling all right and shortly after midnight she lapsed into unconsciousness and died a few minutes later. Mrs. Howard lived in Lowell for many years past and was well known here. She was born in Mt. Vernon, Me.

CULLINAN—James Cullinan died at his home at 111 South Highland street, yesterday afternoon. He was a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in County Clare, Ireland, where for forty years he filled a position of trust. He leaves a family of six sons and five daughters.

GERALD—Mrs. Martha M. Gerald, mother of Mrs. Dora E. Knight, wife of Charles Knight of this city, died at her home in Fairfield, Me., this week, aged 87 years.

SPRING MILLINERY OPENING.

Every lady should attend the opening of spring millinery at Johnson's, 340 Merrimack street, Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26.

Your dealer has this superior brand in stock and he realizes that they are "A Little Better Than Any Other"
C. C. A.
UNION MADE
—10c CIGARS—
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WELCH BROTHERS
Invite You to Inspect Their New
Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fitting and Fixture Rooms
At 61 and 63 MIDDLE STREET
Friday and Saturday, March 25, 26
AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS

SPRING HAS SPRUNG
IT MEANS NEW LIFE TO US ALL, TO
Parthenais' Bros.
UPPER MERRIMACK STREET

We are grateful to the people of Lowell for the evidence of confidence in the past as shown by patronage at our stores. We have met business reverses—but in a manner that we believe is satisfactory to our creditors and in no way discreditable to ourselves. Such fact being true, we hope to take our place on the firing line of business battle and shall strive to merit the good will of the buying public.
W. A. Parthenais, Chas. H. Parthenais, David A. Parthenais.

The Cleanest Spring Stock of Goods
—IN LOWELL TODAY—
No old stuff—all sold or given away. Clean, clean, everything clean—goods are clean—store is clean—hands are clean.
CLOTHING From the top of the head to the sole of the foot OF MAN

ENGLAND'S QUEEN

Took Dinner With the Factory Girls

LONDON, March 24—The routine of royal life was interestingly broken today when Queen Alexandra paid an informal visit to the Alexandra trust, and there enjoyed a nine cent dinner among the factory employes and children of the east end of London. Her majesty arranged today's visit privately with Sir Thomas Lipton, who is the principal contributor to the institution. They were accompanied by Princess Victoria, Earl DeGrey, treasurer of the queen's household and Countess DeGrey, Miss Knollys and Sidney Greville, the queen's private secretary.

The dining rooms were packed when, like a factory girl who had just preceded her, the queen went to the desk and asked for eight dinner tickets, tendering half a crown. She was told that they would be six pence more, which Earl DeGrey promptly contributed.

Sir Thomas Lipton conducted the royal guest, who was simply dressed in black, through the dining rooms. The news of the identity of this extraordinarily young looking woman as the queen soon spread and the children crowded around her, curiously touching her majesty's dress and looking up in her face. Soon the whole building rang with the shrill cheers of the delighted children and girls. The queen saw two crying mites who had lost their dinner tickets. Their grief was quickly turned to joy by the gift of a shilling from the royal purse.

So delighted did the children, most of them typically ragged urchins of the east end, crowd around the royal visitor that one of the attendants tried to make a passage way for her.

"Don't bother," said the queen, "I did not come here to disturb them."

After talking with several factory employes who were in the midst of their meal the queen and her party went upstairs to the room where they all redeemed their meal tickets. For her nine cents the queen had soup, lamb, potatoes, plum pudding, a glass of water and a mug of coffee. She seemed to enjoy it.

After another walk around the rooms the queen drove off amidst hearty cheers, expressing herself delighted to see so many people enjoying themselves and confessing that she really quite liked the bill of fare.

HAD A REVOLVER

Union Man Says He Fired Shots

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 24—The first admission by a union man that he had a revolver in his possession on the occasion of the killing of Ernest Frohnhuffer on the schooner S. P. Blackburn, two weeks ago, came unexpectedly today when Joseph Vera stated that he fired two shots while aboard the vessel. Vera was arrested in New Bedford yesterday and was arraigned today on the charge of obstruction of the sailors of the schooner. He was held in $1000 on the latter charge and will be given an opportunity to explain the affair tomorrow morning. To the police he stated that he was standing aside from the fighting parties when he drew a revolver and shot twice in their direction. He did not know whether anyone was hit by the bullets.

An inquest has been in progress into Frohnhuffer's death during this week but little has materialized therefrom as to the author of the crime.

CHECK CASHED

MONEY HANDED OVER IN BURTON'S PRESENCE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 24.—The first witness in today's session of the trial of United States Senator Burton of Kansas, charged with having illegally accepted fees from the Rialto Grain and Securities Co., was Joseph P. Carr, a clerk in the employ of the Rialto company. On March 26, 1903, witness drew a check for $500 in favor of Burton, cashed it and handed five $100 bills to Vice-President W. D. Mahaney, in whose room Burton was sitting. The check was offered in evidence.

Mr. Mahaney testified that on the same day he paid Burton $500. On Dec. 5, 1902, in the Willard hotel, in Washington, witness was present when President Dennis showed Burton a copy of an indictment returned against Dennis by the federal grand jury. Discussion of the indictment continued several days, resulting in the decision that there was not much danger to Dennis in the indictment, but because of Senator Burton's position it was deemed best for him not to appear as general counsel in defense of Dennis.

On March 26, 1903, when Mahaney paid Burton the $500 he and Burton discussed the advisability of Burton still remaining in the employ of the Rialto company. Burton said that if the Rialto company had any letters from him it would be just as well to destroy them, as owing to his position, his motives might be misconstrued. Mahaney said he thereupon tore up two of Burton's letters. One of the letters destroyed related to a telegram sent by Burton to the Rialto company from Washington that S. M. McGowan, Indian agent, who was in Indian Territory, had made complaint against the company.

McCALL COMMITTEE

NOT DECIDED AS TO THE NEXT STEP.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The McCall investigating committee today completed its preliminary consideration of each case mentioned in the "charge against congressmen" report. The impression of the members of the committee, as expressed at the time in each instance, has been recorded by a stenographer. This impression, Chairman McCall states, is not necessarily the ultimate conclusion of the committee. Besides considering each case, the committee has been classifying the cases as it proceeded. It is understood that many of them have been eliminated from further consideration, on the ground that they contained absolutely nothing which might be considered censurable. The committee has not decided what the next step in its procedure will be. No witnesses have been summoned nor has it been decided whether any are to be called.

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They combine the best tonics, nervines and nutrients for all pale, nervous sufferers; are invaluable to delicate women and girls, invalids and convalescents.

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Peptiron Pills, (chocolate-coated.) 50c. or $1—the latter a full month's treatment. Prepared by C. I. HOOD CO., Lowell, Mass.

RUSSIAN TROOPS WANT REVENGE

LIAO YANG, Manchuria, March 24.—Gen. Ma has transferred his headquarters to Tung Chon and his troops have been withdrawn westward of the Shundatung railroad. Viceroy Yuan Hsi Kai is now at Tien Tsin. His troops are returning to Paotingfu.

It is persistently reported that the Japanese propose to land troops at Gatsin, north of Shan Hai Kwan. There are numerous Japanese spies at Shan Hai Kwan and elsewhere on the railroad to Yinkow.

A detachment of General Mishtchenko's troops remain in north Korea reconnoitring. A party is always watching Anju but the Russians have not encountered any Japanese during the last few days.

On the arrival of Gen. Kuropatkin in Trans-Baikal territory, Gen. Linevitch sent the commander in chief a telegram of welcome saying the troops were thirsting to take revenge on the enemy and were impatiently awaiting his arrival. Advices from south Manchuria and north Korea say all is quiet there.

JAPANESE VICTORY DENIED BY RUSSIANS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—Major Gen. Pflug telegraphs from Mukden under today's date as follows:

"There is absolutely no truth in the report published in England to the effect that the Japanese have crossed the Tatung pass (40 miles from Haicheng) or that they have had engagements with the Russians, while the statement that the way to the Motieff pass, where a strong Russian detachment is alleged to be stationed is open to the Japanese is also pure invention. To the same category belong the reports published in London newspapers from Japanese sources of an engagement alleged to have taken place at Port Arthur March 19 and of the encounter at Chiyongsyong (on the Yalu river, in which the Russians were reported to have lost 600 men killed or wounded)."

CHINESE ADVISED TO KEEP HANDS OFF

PEKIN, March 24.—The Russo-Japanese notifications regarding contraband of war differing somewhat, the Chinese government has applied to Sir Robert Hart, the inspector general of customs in China for advice in the matter. Sir Robert has advised it to prohibit the giving of any assistance to Japan, according to the Russian notification or to Russia according to the Japanese notification. Pekin should also, he suggested, be placarded with notices prohibiting the natives from assisting either of the belligerents.

RESERVE BATTALIONS TO REPLACE TROOPS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—Twenty-eight reserve battalions have been converted into regular regiments and battalions. These will replace troops drafted to the front.

The emperor has conferred with the ministers on means for increasing the Red Cross funds. A proposal to impose an additional tax on foreigners was rejected and it was decided to raise the special tax on railroad tickets. The sum of $3,000,000 has been donated and there is a reserve fund of $3,000,000, of which $405,000 is available in cash bringing up the total to nearly $6,500,000.

RUSSIAN CRUISER NOT BLOWN UP

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—The Associated Press is officially authorized to deny the report circulated in Berlin and published in the United States by a news agency, that the Russians' armored cruiser Bayan was blown up by a floating torpedo in the harbor of Port Arthur March 16, at the time a Russian torpedo boat was said to have been sunk in a collision with a mine.

EXAMINATION PAPERS

DEPUTY INSPECTOR WANTED TO EXAMINE THEM.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Dr. George R. Parkin, representative of the trustees of the Cecil Rhodes scholarships, who has just arrived from England to make arrangements for the holding of preliminary examinations in the United States and Canada had a brief encounter with the customs officers over the inspection of his baggage. The latter contained the examination papers and the inspector declared he must examine them. The doctor made a vigorous protest and Collector Stranahan quickly notified his deputy to desist. The examinations will be held simultaneously in this country and in the dominion April 13 at places selected by the various committees in charge in this country, composed of the presidents of universities and colleges.

"The trustees of the scholarship fund are now simply feeling their way," said Dr. Parkin, "and the method of selecting the first scholars may not be good for all the time. During the last year we have been receiving suggestions on the matter of examinations from all the leading educators in the English speaking world and now we are trying to work out the substance of those suggestions. We first want to make sure that the men who get the scholarships are qualified to enter Oxford, according to the Oxford standard. I have brought with me examination papers in subjects which a fellow must pass before he is eligible to enter Oxford and the men here who pass them are qualified as competitors for one of these scholarships. This examination is only the preliminary step and because a man passes he does not necessarily go to Oxford. The papers are about on a grade with those used in the entrance test at Harvard except that a knowledge of Greek is required.

"America is a world power and she now must have men with world knowledge to represent her abroad. Oxford is the place where these men will get that training which will fit them to stand with the statesmen of other countries."

DISASTROUS FIRE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 24.—Fire in Jones Brothers' dry goods store caused a loss estimated at $130,000. The blaze was started by lightning.

INSTANTLY KILLED

UNKNOWN MAN STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., March 24—An unknown man of Portuguese nationality, was killed by the Fall River branch train near the Dawson brewery this morning. A companion, with whom he was walking has disappeared. From papers on the dead man he is supposed to be Manuel Taves or Joseph Verra of Provincetown.

CASHIER ARRESTED

HE IS CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.

WOLFBORO, N. H., March 24.—On the charge of embezzlement from the Wolfboro Loan and Banking company, former Assistant Cashier Carroll D. Piper was arrested today by Sheriff Myron E. Johnson. He was at once arraigned before Justice of the Peace Nathan O. Weeks, and pleaded not guilty. Attorney General Eastman, who is in town investigating the affairs of the institution, moved that the bonds be fixed at $5000.

No action has yet been taken against Piper's father, Charles F. Piper, who was cashier of the bank. The institution is now in the hands of a receiver.

FATALLY INJURED

VANDERBILT'S HEAD GARDENER IN A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

PORTSMOUTH, R. I., March 24.—Robert McLeod, head gardener for Reginald C. Vanderbilt at Sandy Point farm, died today from the effects of injuries received in a runaway accident yesterday. McLeod was 55 years old and leaves a widow and one child.

BEEF TRUST

STOCKMEN HAVE PLANS TO FIGHT IT.

DENVER, Colo., March 24.—The News today says:

"That the stockmen of the west backed by the powerful national livestock association mean to carry out their project of establishing an independent packing plant to fight the so-called beef trust is evidenced by the option that has been taken upon the plant of Jacob Dold of Kansas City. This option is now in the hands of Vice-Pres. L. S. Wilson and Treasurer F. W. Flato, of the organization according to Sec'y Charles F. Martin, of the association. The Dold packing house has been one of the strongest competitors of the trust. Its capacity is sufficient to kill 2000 head of cattle, 4,000 hogs and as many sheep daily. According to Mr. Martin the capacity is great enough to answer the business of the stockmen.

THE FRYE BILL

EXTENSION OF COASTWISE LAWS FAVORED.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries today authorized a favorable report on the Frye bill extending the coastwise laws of the United States to the Philippine islands, July 1, 1905, without amendment. The report was authorized by a vote of seven to five, two republicans and three democratic members making up the minority vote. A motion to postpone the operation of the laws to 1909 was lost on a strictly party vote, another making the time 1906, resulted in a tie vote. The bill was then voted on as it passed the senate. Mr. Lucking endeavored to amend it by a requirement that all vessels in the trade could be manned by American or Filipino sailors, but that was lost by a party vote.

MADE A NOBLE.

MUNICH, March 24.—The Bavarian official organ today announced that Herr Felix Weingartner (the conductor of the conference concerts here who went to the United States early this year to conduct the rehearsal and concert of the Philharmonic society at Carnegie hall, New York) has been made a noble with the hereditary title of Edeler-Von Muenzberg.

GUESTS OF GOVERNOR.

BOSTON, March 24.—Lieut. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, U. S. A., Rear Admiral John C. Watson and Rear Admiral Caspar R. Goodrich, U. S. N., were entertained at luncheon today by Gov. John L. Bates. The distinguished army and navy officers will be the guests of the Middlesex club at a banquet tonight.

NAPOLEON AND JEFFERSON.

ST LOUIS, Mo., March 24—The large portrait statues of Napoleon and Jefferson which are being executed by Daniel Chester French and Charles Grafly have been assigned to prominent locations in the main picture gallery of the world's fair. The former is to stand on the lower level of the cascade gardens near the palace of education and the latter will occupy a symmetrical position with regard to the palace of electricity. Both statues represent seated figures. Napoleon as first consul and Jefferson as president.

SULLY'S BACKERS

May be Called Upon to Settle

NEW YORK, March 24.—That D. J. Sully & Co., would be able to a good deal better than offer forty per cent. cash and sixty per cent. in the notes to the creditors was the belief expressed by Receiver Taft today and a new offer from the suspended firm is expected.

Samuel Untermyer, who is counsel for a number of the firm's creditors, said today:

"We demand and intend to get the history of Sully's cotton transactions. We want the fullest exposure of the facts. Nothing else will satisfy."

Many of the creditors are hoping he will reveal the identity of his backers in the last pool. All of his associates are said to be men who could settle with the creditors.

Receivers Taft and Miller do not expect to learn of these backers from Sully, but Mr. Taft says that the books may reveal enough to show that certain silent partners were under obligations to stand the loss. If it can be found that such obligations exist steps will be made to make them pay 100 cents on the dollar. Sully still stands ready to pay his creditors 40 cents on the dollar in cash and 60 cents in long time notes, but most of the creditors expect better results than that through the receivers.

STACKPOLE HELD

CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING POLICE OFFICER.

BIDDEFORD, Me., March 24.—Obed F. Stackpole, who was arrested for assault with a revolver upon Thomas Rennicks, a special police officer, at a polling place on election day, was today held for the grand jury. Stackpole formerly was a liquor deputy. The trouble is said to have resulted from a controversy between Stackpole and Rennicks.

TUCKER IS DEAD

WAS SHOT BY UNKNOWN MAN IN LYNN.

LYNN, Mass., March 24.—John J. Tucker, an expressman, who was shot by an unknown man on the street here late last night, died this afternoon. The circumstances surrounding the shooting are not known, but it is thought that Tucker interfered in a quarrel between two men and was shot by one of them. The police have learned that a woman was present and it is thought Tucker may have interfered in her behalf. A bullet struck him in the back near the kidneys and passed into the body.

POLICEMAN BURIED

700 MEMBERS OF DEPARTMENT ATTENDED THE FUNERAL.

NEW YORK, March 24.—For a man either in public or private life there has seldom been as impressive a funeral as was that of Hugh J. Enright, the policeman who was shot and killed by a burglar last Sunday morning.

More than 700 policemen, including the entire command of the East Fifty-first street station, to which Enright was attached, and a score of detective sergeants from police headquarters, were in the cortege. Commissioner McAdoo occupied a front pew in the Church of St. Francis de Sales, where the services were held. The arrangements were in charge of Deputy Commissioner McAvoy.

Leading the cortege was the police band of 40 pieces and the police fife and drum corps, and directly following was the entire command of which Mr. Enright was a member, led by Capt. Lantry. They marched in four platoons, each commanded by a sergeant, except the 1st platoon, which was led by Falconer, the roundsman who captured the burglar responsible for the death of the man whose memory was so honored. Then came 30 detective sergeants, and following them were hundreds of policemen, many of them in uniform and others in citizen's clothes.

To carry all of the floral tributes it was necessary to have two carriages.

DIED ON HONEYMOON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 24.—Mrs. Carlie Wynkoop, wife of Dr. David Wynkoop of New York is dead. Mr. and Mrs. Wynkoop were on their honeymoon trip. Mrs. Wynkoop was the daughter of the late Allen Schenck, a wealthy resident of New York. She had been ill two months.

GETS WIRE PRIVILEGES.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 24.—It is announced here that a contract has been entered into between the Salt Lake Railroad Co. and the Western Union Telegraph Co., which gives the latter corporation wire privileges and the right to handle all commercial telegrams along the line of the new railroad.

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Canada Peas........7c qt.
Mixed Pork........7c lb.
Pure Lard........10c lb.
Best Messina Lemons...15c doz.
Large Seedless Oranges. 15c doz.
3 lb. can Pears........10c
3 cans Best Condensed Milk, 25c
Good Sardines........5c can

English Bloaters........25c doz.
Kennedy's Soda Crackers, 5c lb.
Kennedy's Oyster Crackers, 5c lb.
Kennedy's Common Crackers........5c lb.
Kennedy's Tea Biscuits........8c lb.
Kennedy's Fig Bars........10c lb.
Kennedy's Ginger Snaps...5c lb.
Strictly Fresh Eggs........18c doz.
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SIR EDWIN ARNOLD

WELL KNOWN AUTHOR IS DEAD.

LONDON, March 24.—Sir Edwin Arnold, the author, died in London this morning. He was born June 10, 1832.

Although Sir Edwin suffered of late years from partial paralysis, he was not taken seriously ill until last week and gradually lost strength. He had a relapse early this morning from which he did not rally and he died peacefully at 10.30. The funeral will occur March 28. The body will be cremated at Woking.

COLOMBIA'S CASE

AGAINST THE PANAMA CANAL CO. RESUMED.

PARIS, March 24.—The case of the republic of Colombia against the Panama Canal Co., was resumed today before the first tribunal of the Seine. The public minister (corresponding in French procedure to an attorney-general) submitted an opinion setting forth the complete non-receivability of Colombia's complaint both as against the company and the liquidators of the old company. The court adjourned until April 1, when it is probable that a decision will be rendered.

FAIR WILL CASE

TWO MEN WERE SENTENCED FOR PERJURY.

PARIS, March 24.—The correctional tribunal today sentenced Masse and Moranne for perjury in the Fair will case, each to three years' imprisonment.

Masse and Moranne are the bicyclists who were touring at the time of the automobile accident near Evreux, France, on August, 1902, which resulted in the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair, of San Francisco. The men claimed to have seen the Fairs thrown out, but testimony showed that they were not present but that they so represented themselves, hoping to get a trip to America.

YEWELL IS DEAD

A SURVIVOR OF GREELEY'S RELIEF EXPEDITION.

BALTIMORE, March 24—George Yewell, one of the last survivors of the Greeley relief expedition, is dead from consumption. Yewell was one of the three men who with Lieut. Taunt of the exploring party, found the records at Brevoort Island, telling where Greeley was camped and he brought the news and the documents to Capt. Schley.

He was also one of the party to find the dying survivors at Cape Sabine. Two other members of the party also have died from consumption.

HEPBURN BILL

TO STOP SHIPMENT OF LIQUOR INTO PROHIBITION STATES.

WASHINGTON, March 24—The judiciary committee of the house today continued its hearings on the Hepburn bill to prevent the shipment of intoxicating liquors into prohibition states.

On behalf of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association, W. M. Hough of St. Louis opposed the bill, his principal contention being that the proposed legislation is not necessary to enable states to apply their laws against the sale of intoxicating liquor.

NEGRO ARRESTED

BOSTON POLICE INFORMED THAT HE COMMITTED MURDER.

BOSTON, March 24—The police of the West End have under arrest Frank Frazier, who told some friends today that he had killed a man. When Frazier was arrested his clothing was covered with blood and subsequent search of his room showed evidence of a struggle, but outside of the apartments there was no trace of a possible victim.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

MAN DESPONDENT BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL TROUBLES.

CLINTON, Mass., March 24—Despondent, it is thought, from financial troubles, Ambrose Newman, a shoe dealer, today jumped from High Bridge into the Nashua river, 85 feet below. He was taken ashore by persons who saw him leap, but died soon afterwards. The man was 50 years of age and a widow and three children survive.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., March 24.—The second day's session of the southern New England conference at the County Street M. E. church was opened with remarks by Bishop Goodsell on "When does a Christian become a fanatic and when a fanatic a Christian?"

A prayer in which the assembled ministers took part concluded the bishop's remarks.

LUMBERMEN MEET.

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 24.—In response to a call issued to the lumbermen of New Hampshire and Maine, a company of between sixty and one hundred gathered in this city today and formed an organization. Choice was made of the following officers: President, Warren Tripp of Epsom, vice-presidents, J. Walker of Newmarket, Samuel D. Felker of Rochester, and William W. Burbank of Webster; secretary, Frank Parker of Nashua; treasurer, Charles A. Roddinson of Nashua. There was a discussion in which the grievances of the lumbermen against the railroads were aired, the most grievous of these being new regulations with reference to the stacking of lumber laden cars imposing a hardship.

The organization has for its purpose the mutual benefit of its members. The meeting will be continued this evening.

MUCH NEEDED RAIN.

SALINA, Kas., March 24.—The only rain of consequence in months fell throughout central Kansas today, thoroughly soaking the ground. Wheat was badly in need of the moisture.

CUTTING THE BUDGET.

MOSCOW, March 24.—The municipality of this city is cutting down the city budget in order to provide the $500,000 voted for the war. Instead of 20 new schools only five will be opened.

TO PROTECT BLACK BASS.

BOSTON, March 24.—A number of measures seeking to restrict the catching of black bass and pickerel were reported favorably upon by the legislative committee on fishing and game in the house today.

BURLESQUE TRAGEDY

ENACTED AT THE CAPITOL IN ALBANY.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 24.—Some amazement was caused in the capitol yesterday morning by a burlesque tragedy, in which a woman, who gave the name of Anna Ellsworth, pretended to make an attempt to shoot Victor Shanley, who represents the National Civil Service Employes association before the legislature. Escorted by a reporter for a sensational newspaper in New York city, the Ellsworth woman, after having been in Albany for three days, went to the capitol during the legislative session and confided to the hangers on about the Assembly corridors that she was in search of Shanley, and that it was her determination to shoot him. A page boy says he caught a glimpse of a revolver, or something that resembled one, hidden beneath her handkerchief, which she carried in her hand.

She sent into the Assembly chamber for Shanley to come out and be shot. Appreciating the situation, some of the waggish members of the Assembly sent out a member who bears a distinguished name and whose stature is 6 feet. The woman was embarrassed when he made his appearance and hastily exclaimed that he was not the right man. She then entered the chamber. Shanley was standing beside the speaker's desk, opposite to her. As soon as she caught sight of him she strode down the centre aisle of the chamber and made toward him. This method of making herself conspicuous did not succeed. Some curiosity was excited by the spectacle of a middle-aged woman dressed in black walking through the aisle, but the business of the assembly was not interrupted. Shanley fled by a back door. She pursued him and overtook him in the senate corridor.

"I understand that you have a revolver and are going to shoot me," Shanley remarked.

"That is not true," the woman replied. "I have no revolver."

Shanley then walked away and the woman took an afternoon train to New York city, escorted by the reporter who had charge of her.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

MADE A MAXIMUM DROP OF 6 PER CENT.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Northern Pacific opened on the curb today at 127 and sold down to 126, a maximum decline of 6 per cent. from last night's close. Some 3000 shares changed hands in the first hour. The principal buying was by a firm closely connected with the company. Traders generally sold. Great Northern preferred was quite active at the opening, selling from 168 to 170. Northern Securities was reactionary. At the opening some 2500 shares sold from 99 down to 97 3-4 and then back to 98 3-4. Over 11,000 shares changed hands by 11 o'clock.

SHERMAN NOMINATED.

UTICA, N. Y., March 24—At the republican convention for the 27th congressional district held at Herkimer today, James S. Sherman was unanimously re-nominated.

EMPEROR WILLIAM

SALUTED BY THE WHOLE ITALIAN FLEET.

NAPLES, March 24—Emperor William arrived here today on board the North German Lloyd steamer Koenig Albert, escorted by the German cruiser Prinz Friedrich Karl, and was saluted by the whole Italian Mediterranean fleet. The members of the German colony here met the emperor at Caserta.

The first message received by Emperor William was a telegram from King Victor Emmanuel bidding him welcome and signing himself "Your affectionate friend and loyal ally." An immense crowd of people witnessed the emperor's arrival and cheered, while the cannon boomed.

The ladies of Naples sent many beautiful floral decorations to the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, which the emperor boarded soon after his arrival here.

VICEROY YUSK

PLACES CHINESE NEWSPAPER UNDER THE BAN.

TIEN TSIN, March 24—Viceroy Yusk has prohibited the Chinese from purchasing the Chinese newspaper Chipao on the ground that it had published an untrue article referring to the bad conduct of the imperial troops on the border, which, he claimed, tended to incite the people.

BILL OF COMPLAINT.

TRENTON, N. J., March 24—Walter J. Knight, receiver of the Tennessee Oil, Gas and Mineral Development Co., filed in the court of chancery today a bill of complaint against William A. Dunn and other directors of the company, asking that they be required to give testimony concerning the true values of the company's property.

Receiver Knight claims he has been unable to find any property representing anything like the value of $1,000,000 worth of stock issued. He further charges that the lands acquired by the company have not been productive and that the company was organized purely for speculation.

OUT ON STRIKE.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., March 24—All the employes of the Camden Interstate Street railway company struck today. Two hundred men are out. The entire line from Guyandotte, W. Va., to Hanging Rock, Ohio, thirty miles, is idle. The power house force is also out and no electric power is to be had. Many business enterprises are seriously affected by this. The strike is the result of the discharge of two employes.

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FROM YESTERDAY'S LATE EDITION

AN EXPLOSION

In the Taylor & Barker Works in Wamesit

An explosion of alcohol in a still at the Taylor & Barker Chemical Works in Wamesit, shortly after noon today, caused considerable excitement and for a time it looked as though the building and entire contents would be destroyed. The explosion was caused by the overheating of the alcohol, and while a good sized hole was burned in the roof and considerable chemicals were destroyed the workmen think that the company was very fortunate in escaping with the small loss.

During busy times of the year there are between 25 and 30 men employed at the works, but as this is a dull period there are only nine men at work at the present time. At twelve o'clock the men stopped work for dinner and went to the boiler room where they eat their noon-day meal. About quarter past twelve they were horrified on hearing a loud explosion, and knowing that something must be wrong in the building they rushed to the still room.

The entire room was a mass of flames and tongues of fire were shooting through the roof of the building. While the nine men employed in the building got several lines of hose down and three extinguishers were brought into play Engineer James McCoy rushed into the office and telephoned to this city for assistance and Chief Hosmer sent several pieces of apparatus to the scene.

The men battled bravely with the flames for about twenty minutes and got the fire under control. As the roads were heavy and the run to the works is a long one the fire was extinguished before the local apparatus had arrived. One of the workmen went down the road just in time to stop the teams from going through the marshy road which leads from the highway to the works.

The explosion started in what is known as a still, which holds in the vicinity of 600 gallons. The still was full of crude alcohol which was being put through the process for making wood alcohol. About two hours before the explosion occurred lime had been put in the alcohol to charge it and it is thought that the liquid got overheated and then exploded.

The alcohol forced its way through the seams of the still. As the flames filled the room some fatalities might have resulted if any of the men were at work in the vicinity at the time.

A number of boxed chemicals were near the still and these were destroyed.

Hugh Farley, foreman, was not at the works when The Sun reporter called and the workmen were unable to estimate the loss.

ELIGIBLE LIST

Posted at the Local Post Office

Below is given the eligible list of applicants for the positions of clerks and carriers, now posted at the local post office, the date of eligibility commencing today.

The names below are in the order of their rank. In several places it will be noticed that the same applicant's name is on the list in two different places, this being due to the fact that there were two examinations, one on March 24, 1903 and another one on January 7th of this year.

Among the appointments made on the list are Thomas A. McNamee for carrier and Frederick B. Reed and Walter B. Edgell for positions as clerks.

The list is as follows:

CLERKS.

William A. Giblin, 29 Franklin court.
Patrick J. Kirwin, 30 Agawam street.
Joseph A. O'Brien, 100 White street.
Frederick B. Reed, 9 Elm street.
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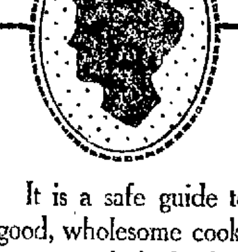
Harry R. Sprague, 54 South Walker street.
George F. O'Dwyer, 148 Midland street.
James J. Egan, 133 Gorham street.
John H. Murphy, 56 Arlington street.
Walter B. Edgell, 117 Andover street.
Walter J. Keuney, 99 Washington street.
Charles L. Kinsella, 9 Simpson Place.
John T. Adams, 249 Walker street.
Walter B. Edgell, 628 Westford street.
John J. McGreevy, 13 Burns street.
Eben A. O'Malley, 16 Bachman street.
Louis F. Phaneuf, 13 Knapp block, Moody street.
Thomas F. Golden, 31 Fulton street.

CARRIERS.

Charles J. McQuade, 290 Concord street.
John J. Coughlin, 544 Suffolk street.
John W. Kennedy, 45 Howard street.
David M. Willis, 5 Agawam street.
John O. Leary, 410 Adams street.
Arthur McCann, 115 Gorham street.
Zepher T. Bissonette, 60 Third avenue.
Arthur Brown, 730 School street.
George L. Hunt, 5 Clark's court.
David J. Donovan, 42 Claire street.
Albert E. Willis, 35 Ellsworth street.
Charles O. Stevens, 116 Walker street.
Thomas A. McNamee, 247 Stackpole street.
Hazen G. Pillsbury, 606 Stevens street.
Dennis A. Donohue, 16 Merrill street.
James J. Haley, 50 Blossom street.
George L. Hunt, 125 Stackpole street.
Patrick N. O'Neil, 22 Whipple street.
Bernard B. Riley, 11 Burnside street.
Timothy J. Sullivan, 546 Lawrence street.
William G. Morse, 240 Boylston street.
Thomas A. McNamee, 247 Stackpole street.
Elzear J. Larochelle, 93 Ludlam street.
William A. Barry, 11 Adams street.
James H. Cox, 32 Common street.
Michael J. Nestor, 41 Union street.
Mathew J. McNamara, 55 George street.
Norman O. Goddard, 166 Smith street.
William M. Prescott, 67 London street.
James J. Kelley, 150 Fayette street.
John J. Crann, 60 Pond street.
Jeremiah A. Daly, 63 Willie street.
William L. Keegan, 22 Ellsworth street.
Daniel L. Dilworth, 44 Merrill street.
William H. Looney, 2 Rockdale Ave.
John F. Hollowood, 207 Concord street.



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ASPHALT TORN

CHARLES STREET RIPPED UP TO PUT IN WATER PIPES.

Residents of Charles street are finding fault because the asphalt paving has been torn up there for the purpose of placing new water pipes in a couple of houses there. The asphalt has been down in Charles street for five years, and hence the law with regard to opening the street is off but whoever opens it is supposed to leave it in as good condition as he found it.

PIANO RECITALS

BY PUPILS OF THE MISSES DENAULT.

Two enjoyable recitals have just been given by the Misses Denault and thirty-two of their pupils in the hall of their residence at 749 Merrimack street. The program was remarkably well executed and seemed too short for the enthusiastic audience. It was as follows:—

Overture, Tancred, two pianos, Misses Laura, Cordelia and Regina Denault; Le Carillon, Misses A. Bibault and Y. Lapanne; waltz, Misses C. and B. Carpentier; Joyeux Retour, A. Desmarais and A. Trundeau; song of the Waves, Misses C. Phaneuf, C. Rondeau, E. Longtin; duet, Misses A. and Y. Gauthier; violin solo, Miss R. Denault; Polka, three pianos, Misses E. Blanchard, A. Saucier, R. Guertin, L. Blanchard, A. Bibault, V. Lapanne; Dolty Dimples, Masters Andre Labrecque and John Kehoe; A. May Day, Misses A. Thibault and E. Richard; Qui Vive, Misses C. Phaneuf, C. Rondeau; Premiere Valse, Misses C. Bergeron, E. Carpenter; Conert Fantasie at three pianos, Misses A. Vigeant, N. Fortier, A. Boulais, A. Champagne, A. Thibault, D. Arvisais, E. Leblanc, C. Rondeau, R. Renaud; Home Sweet Home with violin obligato, Miss Evelina Caisse; The Grace, Misses A. Vigeant, A. Boulais; Bohemian song, Misses N. Fortier, A. Vigeant, A. Boulais, A. Champagne, A. Bibault, D. Arvisais, A. Thibault, C. Rondeau, R. Renaud, L. Blanchard, E. Blanchard, A. Saucier, R. Guertin, V. Lapanne, C. Carpentier, B. Carpentier, E. Carpentier, E. Richard, Y. Gauthier. The Bohemian song was very tasty and received great praise. Reverie, Misses A. Danjou, B. Poulin; Tanz, Misses C. Rondeau, D. Arvisais, Messrs. A. Desmarais, A. Trudeau; Impromptu, Miss C. Rondeau; Great Paraphrase of Concert, Misses Laura and Regina Denault. At the close of this piece the pupils presented them lovely bouquets.

Many of the selections won much applause and on the whole the program was creditable to the Misses Denault and their pupils.

REV. GEORGE COSTELLO

NAMED AS EXECUTOR OF LARGE ESTATE.

The will of Samuel B. Thing of Brookline allowed yesterday by Judge Flint of the Norfolk probate court, provides for the disposition of an estate estimated at $385,000, which will some day be expended for the relief of the poor and for missionary work, according to the terms of the testament.

The legatees and conditions are: $10,500 to the George W. Chipman Home for Old Ladies in Cambridge, and $1000 to the Emmanuel church of Cambridge, the legacies to be paid five years after the testator's death, provided there is sufficient estate to pay the same. At the death of his wife all the residue is to be divided among the following objects:

One-third for the poor, one-third to evangelistic work and one-third to the Baptist Home Mission society in Boston and the private mission of Boston and vicinity. The particular objects to which the money for the relief of the poor is to be devoted is left to the discretion of the trustees, who are Frederick S. Sawyer, who for many years was associated in business with Mr. Thing, and William Richardson of Boston.

At the family residence in Brookline last evening it was said it was apprehended that the third left for the needy probably means that no particular sect shall benefit by it, and that the money will be expended in a general way.

Mr. Thing was for many years a resident of Brookline, and a boot and shoe manufacturer, with an office on Congress street, Boston. In life he was greatly interested in mission and charitable work. He died a short time ago at his residence, 246 Harvard street, Brookline, at the age of 70 years, and is survived only by his wife, who is much younger than Mr. Thing. His estate is said to include $35,000 in real and $250,000 personal property.

The will of Patrick Burns, another Brookline man, bequeathes sums for charitable work. He left $1000 to the Free Home for Consumptives to endow a bed for Brookline patients, and $500 for the Little Sisters of the Poor of Boston. The Rev. George E. A. Costello of St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, Brookline, is named executor.

The will of Lydia A. Boles of Weymouth was also allowed. It leaves $800 to the Congregational Society of East Weymouth.

NO NEW CASES

Diphtheria Scare at Jail About Over

The diphtheria epidemic at the jail has not increased and it is believed that no new cases will result as the three prisoners now ill are isolated and are receiving skilled treatment.

The widow and child of Manuel Perry, the small-pox victim, are still at the contagious disease hospital, as the period of danger for them has not yet passed. In a few days the health department will decide what to do with the forlorn pair when they leave the hospital. They are destitute, without friends, unable to speak the language and have no legal residence in this city.

GAS NUISANCE

Appears to Have Been the Old Kind

That break of the gas pipe which caused the big nuisance in lower ward seven and a portion of ward two Tuesday, appears to have been a rather peculiar "break," for the health department upon investigating has failed to find any evidence of even a break in the ground to show where the gaslight company went looking for the alleged break.

The health department, however, did discover that gas got into the sewer and was detected even at the end of the sewer where it enters the river, and the break in a gaspipe that would cause gas to get into a sewer must indeed have been a most remarkable break, for the gas would have to go through the sewer pipe.

While of course no one would accuse the gaslight company of having cleaned out its old gasometer into the sewer despite all the complaints and the agitation that have been made over this practice, the fact remains that one would be inclined to blame the gaslight company for the most recent repetition of the nuisance despite its protests.

FUNERALS

MULCAHY—The funeral of Elizabeth Gertrude Mulcahy took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents George and Bridget Mulcahy, 32 Saratoga street. It was largely attended. There were many beautiful floral pieces, including a wreath on base, from her uncle, Police Officer Keeffe; a pillow, inscribed "Lilla," from Bessie Keeffe; wreath from Mary Keeffe; a spray from Miss Ellen Crowley; spray, Christiana Flynn and a mound surmounted by a dove, from Timothy Lawrence and Leonard Keeffe.

The bearers were Timothy Finnegan, Timothy Keeffe, James M. Flynn, Edw. Flynn, Francis and Timothy Lowney. The burial was in the Catholic cemetery in the family plot. Undertakers John J. O'Connell & Co. had charge of the funeral arrangements.

CASHMAN—The funeral of the late Mrs. Ellen Cashman took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from her late home, 28 Agawam street, and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. The cortege proceeded to the Sacred Heart church, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock, Rev. Fr. Reynolds, O. M. I., officiating. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Muldoon, rendered the Gregorian mass, and during the services sang appropriate selections. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful. At the grave Rev. Fr. Reynolds, O. M. I., read the committal prayers. The bearers were John Murphy, Martin Fitzpatrick, Patrick Kerwin, Thomas Dunn and Ambrose Gallagher. The burial was under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

PROBATE COURT—JUDGE McINTIRE.

Wills presented for probate at Cambridge, March 22, 1904: Patrick Holland, Winchester; J. W. Thresher, Somerville; G. O. Weaver, No. Reading; G. H. Braman, Newton; J. W. Hayward, Boxboro; N. H. Chadwick, Framingham; J. L. Currier, Lowell; G. H. Candee, Tewksbury; Harriet Blood, Newton; G. L. Smith, Reading; E. J. Garfield, Lexington; C. E. Brown, Hudson; Louis Mayer, Lincoln; F. J. Franklin, Cambridge; Sarah Gerrish, Cambridge; Caroline A. Worthen, Malden; Margaret Sullivan, Chelmsford; L. P. Rollins, Somerville; John Bingham, Watertown; Mary Daly, Cambridge; Lucy A. Johnson, Lowell; Amanda A. Fay, Marlboro; Benjamin McKeen, Somerville; H. W. Hilton, Tewksbury; Michael Cleary, Malden; Catherine Murphy, Cambridge.

Administrations: Ida Gillom, Reading; Ellen Hutton, Malden; Mary O'Brien, Hopkinton; John Skelley, Marlboro; Mercy Noyes, Concord; G. E. Peters, Newton; Mary Spurr, Winchester; G. F. Corwin, Medford; Catherine Burdakin, Cambridge; Helen Watts, Malden; Hagop Malikean, Lowell; Ellen Backus, Somerville; S. M. Bell, Lowell; Mary Libby, Somerville; W. W. Anthony, Wakefield; M. H. Sweatt, Westford; Patrick Brennan, Natick; Margaret O'Rourke, Lowell; Mary Darling, Malden; W. J. Marshall, Holliston; Hannah Moore, Winchester; Grace Ross, Woburn; Eleanor Thompson, Somerville; Ellen Backus, Somerville; Mary Griffin, Lowell; E. C. Bennett, Somerville; Byron Eames, Somerville; D. C. Stone, Ashland; Nellie Gannon, Cambridge; Patrick Dempsey, Waltham; Mary Harrington, Somerville.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—We will build to suit purchaser one two-tenement house and one cottage on Wilder street, near Normal school. Inquire of B. H. Wiggin, 59 Franklin street.

FOR SALE—New up-to-date two-flat house with large lot of land, one minute's walk from electric cars; Epping street, Wigginville; price $2500; easy payments. Inquire of B. H. Wiggin, 59 Franklin street.

FOR SALE—Modern cottage with store in basement, will sell on easy terms; Morton street, Wigginville; price $1650. Inquire of B. H. Wiggin, 59 Franklin street.

TO LET

TO LET—A tenement of five rooms, bath, pantry and large yard, will be vacant after first of April. Inquire 114 Broadway.

TO LET—Cottage house of seven rooms in good repair on Batchelder place, off Walker street; price low. Inquire of Wm. A. Read, 228 Liberty street.

TO LET—Near Dracut navy mill, comfortable tenements, 75 cents per week. Inquire 246 Varnum avenue.

TO LET—Two 5-room tenements 12 Rogers street; rooms all newly painted, papered, also whitened; rents low. Apply at M. Wyman's, 62 Middlesex street.

FOR RENT—874 Lakeview avenue, 8 room house in good condition; also houselots for sale by Captain Harry Read, 871 Lakeview avenue.

TO LET—Good tenement of 8 rooms in Belvidere. For particulars apply at the Belvidere drug store, corner of High and Andover streets.

IF YOU are thinking of moving this spring come and see what we can offer you in a tidy, comfortable tenement for small money; if you want an extra healthful home of from three to five rooms where you will have quiet, self-respecting neighbors, call and see us. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

PRINCE ALATSIN

ORDERS OBSERVANCE OF NEUTRALITY IN MONGOLIA.

NEWCHWANG, March 24.—Prince Alatsin, sovereign of Mongolia, en route to his capitol, arrived at Kinchow, yesterday, from Pekin and also from Japan, where he witnessed the manoeuvres and mobilization of the Japanese army. In accordance with the declaration of Chinese neutrality, Prince Alatsin has commanded the observance of neutrality through Mongolia, thus rendering illegal the large pony, beef and feed traffic upon which the Russians are depending, but which notwithstanding his Japanese sympathies, he has found it impossible to suppress.

The maintenance of neutrality by the Chinese in the region between the great wall and the Liao is said to be complete, thus contrasting with the alleged Russian violation of neutrality in the same region by the maintenance of armed patrols and guards half way to Shan Hai Quan.

MASS MEETING

OF THE ARLINGTON MILL STRIKERS.

LAWRENCE, March 24.—The Arlington mills strikers had a mass meeting yesterday afternoon. The sentiment of the operatives was to resist the attempt of the corporation to reduce wages, in accordance with the notice posted Monday, to go into effect the 28th the strike leaders said to a reporter: "You can say that we will not go back until we have obtained concessions. We do not propose to submit to the proposed cutdown, because we do not think it is fair. The notice posted in the mill did not specify what the new rate is to be and we went to Agent Hartshorn for an explanation. He received us cordially and we had a pleasant conference, but we told him that we could not accept the terms he offered.

"If the cutdown goes into effect I shall be able to earn $7.30 a week. Heretofore I have earned $9. I work nights, 11 hours, and that is all I can make. I work only five nights a week, of course."

Agent Hartshorn said: "The outcome of the action on the part of the operatives we cannot predict. Those who went out left the mill quietly and with their work in good condition. We have no complaint to make because of their action, further than we think they are mistaken. We hope the matter will terminate satisfactorily to both parties."

ICE ON MARKET STREET.

A gang of about 30 street department employes went to work on Market street where the asphalt pavement is laid. On smooth paved streets the work of removing the ice is somewhat difficult as the old reliable pick ax cannot be used. The men were armed with huge ice picks and with these they broke and separated the ice in huge blocks some of which required the combined efforts of two men to lift and throw into a wagon. The small bits were gathered up on shovels but most of the ice was picked up by hand. The frozen mass which comprised ice, dirt, manure, etc., was over one foot thick which gives proof of the great fall of snow this winter. The ice was carted to the East Merrimack street bridge where it was dumped into the Concord river. The peculiar method of removing the ice attracted considerable attention. A street sweeper took care of the sweepings.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 24—The Bank of England at its semi-annual meeting today declared a dividend for the past six months of only 4 1-2 per cent. This was the first time in seven years that the dividend has been below 10 per cent. per annum. The governor of the bank said the profits for the six months ending Feb. 29, were $3,315,205 and that after providing for the dividend the amount of the "rest" on that date was $19,093,900.

MISSIONARIES CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, March 24—With the object of enlisting aid of the United States government in a protest against the alleged atrocities perpetrated against natives of the Congo Free State officials of the Belgian government and officers of the home mission boards and missionaries who have been sent out to the Congo government, are holding a conference here. They charge that King Leopold's representatives are practicing cruelties on the natives in order to extort rubber and ivory from them. Rev. Dr. T. S. Barbour of Boston is chairman of the conference and Rev. Wm. M. Morrison, formerly of Lexington, Vt., and sent out by the southern Presbyterian church, as a missionary, is secretary. The Rev. Mr. Mabie of Boston is among the officers of home mission boards in attendance. The missionaries present include Rev. Drs. Leslie and Leighton and Revs. D. W. Snyder and W. M. Morrison.

You can't expect to weave white satin with blackened hands, any more than you can expect good results from papers with a bogus circulation.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, March 23, 1904. The Committee on Banks and Banking will give a hearing to parties interested in part two (2) of the twenty-eighth annual report of the board of Commissioners of Savings Banks; Public Document No. 8, relating to Co-operative banks, at room No. 448, State House, on Wednesday, March 30, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. Elisha H. Brewster, Chairman. Daniel J. O'Brien, Clerk of the Committee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, State House, Boston, March 22, 1904. The Committee on Relations between Employers and Employes will give a hearing to parties interested in House bill No. 524 to promote amicable relations between labor and capital, and to lessen the conflict between employer and employe, and also House bill No. 346 as to pension funds for railroad and street railway employes, at room No. 240, State House, on Tuesday, March 29, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. Geo. R. Wallace, Chairman. Edward C. Stone, Clerk of the Committee.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Ralph W. E. Milliken of Malden, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Minnie A. Milliken, wife of said Ralph W. E. Milliken, in her right, to the Andover Savings bank, dated July second, 1900, and recorded with Middlesex (North Dist.) Registry of Deeds, libro 324, folio 321, will be sold at public auction, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, on Monday, the eleventh day of April, 1904, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises hereinafter described, two certain parcels of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Lowell, in said county and commonwealth, on the westerly side of Rea street, and being lots numbered twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Lowell and Tewksbury, Mass., belonging to Shepard, Russell and Fuller, surveyed March, 1891, M. B. Smith, C. E.," which plan is recorded in Middlesex North Dist. Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 8, Plan 7, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the westerly line of said Rea street, at the northeasterly corner of the premises, and at lot No. 22 on said plan, thence running westerly by said lot No. 22 one hundred thirty-five and 79-100 (135.79) feet, more or less, to lot No. 10 on said plan; thence southerly by lots No. 10 and 11 one hundred and 33-100 (100.33) feet, more or less, to lot No. 19 on said plan; thence easterly by said lot No. 19 one hundred forty-three and 98-100 (143.98) feet, more or less, to said Rea street; thence northerly by said Rea street one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 13,988.25 square feet, more or less. Also two (2) other lots of land situated in said Lowell, on the easterly side of Berkeley avenue, being lots No. 74 and 75 on said plan, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly line of said Berkeley avenue, at the northwesterly corner of the premises, at lot No. 73 on said plan, thence running easterly by said lot No. 73 ninety-eight and 72-100 (98.72) feet, more or less, to land of one Besse; thence southerly by said Besse land one hundred and 4-100 (100.04) feet to lot No. 76 on said plan; thence westerly by said lot No. 76 one hundred one and 20-100 (101.20) feet, more or less, to said Berkeley avenue; thence northerly by said Berkeley avenue one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 9993 square feet, more or less. Being a part of the premises conveyed to said Milliken by Henry C. Fuller, by deed dated February 2, 1899, and recorded with Middlesex North Dist. Deeds, Lib. 304, Fol. 158.

Terms, $200 down; further conditions at sale.

ANDOVER SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee.

By Frederick S. Boutwell, Treasurer. March 18, 1904.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Pair of glasses in case between Merrimack, Dutton and Broadway up to School. Return to office of A. G. Pollard.

LOST—Monday, a double heart gold brooch pin between Middlesex and Fulton streets. Return to Sun office.

LOST—A lady's pocketbook containing sum of money and tickets between Northern depot and Carpet mills. Reward at 125 Branch street.

LOST—Between 72 Canton street and corner of Westford and Wilder streets, a brown wrist bag. Finder will please return to 72 Canton street.

LOST—Saturday evening at Associate hall, a bunch of keys. Finder kindly leave them at 186 Appleton street. Call for Miss Mitchell.

FOUND—A lady's gold watch. Inquire at 21 Oliver street after 6 in the evening.

LOST—At Lakeview March 12th, two black and tan fox hounds, one with collar marked Frank L. Barrett, Sterling Junction, Mass.; the other dog has tip of one chipped. For reward notify F. L. Barrett, 12 Belknap street, Nashua.

THE WOMAN that picked up the terrier dog on Central street last Tuesday night had better let him loose or return him or there is trouble for her.

LOST—A great deal of time is lost hunting for a tenant or a tenement. Advertise in The Sun and save time.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Situation at light housework of minding children. Inquire 160 South street.

WANTED—By a young man, a position in a store or office; speaks English and French languages. Please call or write to 577 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Situation as housekeeper by reliable woman. Apply at Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by a pastry cook; can give references. Address O. P., Sun office.

WANTED—A position as nurse girl by a New Brunswick girl who has had considerable experience with children. Address Z. A., Sun office.

WANTED—A situation as coachman. Inquire at this office.

WANTED—A situation by a middle-aged woman at light housework or would mind children able to attend school or would wash dishes in a hotel or restaurant. Inquire at 53 Crosby street.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 113 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Barristers hall.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THERE WILL BE a Rummage Sale at 181 Middlesex street Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Contributions solicited for church benefit.

NOTICE—To give stamp collectors a chance to fill their books quickly we will give double stamps all this week. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union Station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

HELP WANTED

LADIES to do sewing at home on ladies' collars; materials free; send stamped envelope for particulars. National Mfg. Co., 256A West 116th street, New York.

WANTED—Mandolin agents for small town, no fake. A. M. Randall, 621 Main street, Cincinnati, O.

$85 PER WEEK sure selling our new patents; free samples guaranteed any agent answering this advertisement at once. Brahun Co., 1103, Cincinnati, O.

LADIES $15 per week sewing at home, materials free; no canvassing; beautiful sample sent free on receipt of addressed envelope. Majestic Lace Co., New York.

WANTED — Immediately, experienced dressmaker, who can cut and sew. Apply 103 Gorham street. Royal Cloak Store.

LADY WANTED—Money may be earned; artistic employment at home; gilding tickets; write for particulars, enclosing stamped envelope. J. L. Noel, 129 W. 125th street, New York.

MAN WANTED—Money may be earned; artistic employment at home; gilding tickets; write for particulars, enclosing stamped envelope. J. L. Noel, 129 W. 125th street, N. Y.

ANY INTELLIGENT PERSON may earn $40 to $100 monthly in spare time corresponding for newspapers; no canvassing; send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

WANTED—Chamber and kitchen girl. 179 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Man for farm work, also a tenement to let. Inquire of John E. Foster, end of Andover street car line.

WOMEN TO SEW at home, plain sewing only; steady work, good pay; no materials to buy and sent everywhere free; send reply envelope for particulars and wages we pay. Du Pont Co., Dept. S. D. N., Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED everywhere, people to copy letters at home, spare time, and return to us; good pay, materials sent free, no mailing or canvassing; enclose addressed envelope for particulars and wages we pay. Guaranty Co., Dept. 8353, Philadelphia, Pa.

JOB COMPOSITOR WANTED—Must be a first class man, able to produce good quantity of high grade miscellaneous job composition; permanent place, best of wages, attractive office. The Andover Press, Andover, Mass.

WANTED—A boy. Inquire at this office.

WANTED—Experienced saleswomen at the Reliable Cooper's Cloak and Suit store, 320 Merrimack street. Good pay to the right party.

WANTED—To work on the farm young man and wife from the country. Call at [illegible] market, 528 Middlesex street, near Northern depot.

WANTED—To hire experienced man to run matcher. Apply A. A. Flint, box factory, Tyngsboro.

WANTED—Finish stitchers at the Criterion Knitting Co., 220 Tanner street.

WANTED—Housegirl for a family of two. Apply at 8 Coral street.

WANTED—An experienced kitchen girl. Apply at Quincy house, 63 Lee street.

WANTED—At once, experienced worsted spinners. Apply at Brookside mills, Brookside, Mass. Transportation paid to and from Lowell.

WANTED—A clean, honest man first as salesman then as manager; references required. D. Appleton & Co., New York. See Mr. Chesley, 10 to 12 a. m. Saturday, at 6 Middlesex street, Lowell.

WANTED—Experienced bookkeeper and cashier at the Bell Shoe & Clothing Co.

WANTED—Coat maker at once, permanent job. 473 Merrimack street. A. Caron.

WANTED—Experienced coat and pants makers. Raymond & Snyder, 233 Middlesex street.

LADIES can have permanent income assured by pleasant, respectable effort. For full particulars send two-cent stamp to Swan Mason & Co., Arlington, Mass.

$12 WEEKLY; home work two hours daily; no outfit to buy; send addressed envelope for instructions. Nassau Supply Co., 150 Nassau St., New York.

HOME WORK—$9 weekly during spare time; no canvassing, experience or money needed; enclose stamp for outfit, instructions, etc. Address Universal Co., 325 W. 23d street, New York.

WANTED

You Need a Register

U need the best. We take care of your stock as well as your money. International Mfg. Co., room 45, Donovan bldg.

CASH FOR TRADING STAMPS Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

TRADING STAMPS—Special for two weeks on Green and Red, White and Blue; we will give 100 Green or Red, White and Blue with 1 lb. of our 60c tea; 60 with our 50c tea, 30 with our 35c coffee, 80 dark blue with our 60c tea, 60 with 50c tea, 30 with our 35c coffee; light blue same as dark blue. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., Davis square, at the junction of Thorndike street and Gorham.

$5 SAVED, another's made happy; he read The Sun adv.; all kinds repairs. All Round Mechanic, 1 Charles Street court, 2 flights.

WANTED—Gentlemen mealers. 352 Bridge street.

WANTED—To rent a suite of rooms in a very central location to a refined, discreet young lady; can board herself; one who works in a store preferred. Address for one week J., Sun office.

WANTED—Boarders and roomers; will use you all right; come and try us. Mrs. Wisted, 131½ Colburn street.

WANTED—Dress making, reception and children's dresses are given every attention. Mrs. J. M. Brown, 247 Appleton St.

STOVES New and second-hand bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 155 Middlesex street.

WANTED—A good home for a child three months old. Inquire 131½ Colburn street.

WANTED—To board children; cared for by experienced mother; reasonable price. Mrs. P. L., Sun office.

WANTED—Everybody in Billerica to buy Zono Washing Fluid of J. S. Walsh. Makes washing easy.

MRS. A. BLANCHARD'S new lying-in hospital at 688 Pleasant street, Dracut Centre, is now all equipped for patients. Telephone 734-4.

WANTED—For cash, a place 5 to 20 acres close to a city and electrics. Call or write to the Arlington house, Lowell. Mr. Dalton. Call 5 to 9 p. m.

FOR SALE

570 BRIDGE STREET. White Sewing Machine Co.—Ladies, before buying try our Automatic drop machine; we have several other makes; you are sure to get suited; good second hand machines on hand; give us a call.

FOR SALE—An E flat German silver circular bass; also upright Sterling piano and folding bed at 286 Bridge street.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—From brown and white leghorns, 50 cents; barred Plymouth rocks, 75 cents per 13. T. Baird, 36 Hadley street.

FOR SALE—Confectionery and variety store with bakery; full line of cigars and tobacco, hosiery and small wares; good tonic stand in summer; tenement of four rooms and large garden with pear trees; rent only $10 monthly, will sell cheap; reason, leaving city. Inquire Sun office.

FOR SALE—Lodging house, good reasons for selling, parties leaving city. Inquire Sun office.

FOR SALE—Top buggy cheap, also chamber sets. Call forenoons and evenings at 88 First street.

FOR SALE—52-acre farm in Tyngsboro; 20 acres wood. Mrs. Carville, 36 Fort Hill avenue.

FOR SALE—Eggs for hatching from heavy laying strain of barred Plymouth Rocks at 5c each. 24 Epping street, Wigginville.

FOR SALE—Hard, soft, and kindling wood at Eugene Paquin's, 187 Chelmsford street.

FOR SALE—New milch Jersey cows. Apply A. Felis, 989 Lakeview avenue.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

FOR SALE—A boarding house, rooms all occupied at present, at 238 Appleton street; if sold at once will let it go at $150; there are 12 rooms in the house and all furnished; sickness the only cause for wanting to sell. Inquire at 238 Appleton street.

FOR SALE—Very large boarding and lodging house, centrally located, very near P. O., all modern conveniences, hot and cold water, steam heat, gas; best location in city; doing big business at present. Further particulars at Sun office.

FOR SALE—To mend your stove bricks use Eagle Stove Clay. Hardware and stove dealers sell it in three size packages.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers, 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 153 Merrimack St.

MISCELLANEOUS

MME. KATHERINE, palmist, 163 Appleton street; advice on all matters pertaining to material interest of her visitors; card readings.

RAYMOND MULLIN, graduate trained nurse, having gold medal and diploma from training school; nursing by hour or day. 372 Merrimack street.

FRENCH LESSONS—Pupils wanted by young French woman, thoroughly conversant with the best methods of instruction in French; French conversation a specialty; terms reasonable. Mlle. Mathilde Bertrand, 540 Merrimack street.

MRS. FLETCHER, 769 Gorham street, trance medium and card reader.

FOR SALE—Big brown eggs for hatching from thoroughbred barred Plymouth rocks, 4 cents each. Ernest Vincent, Amesbury street, Elsmere.

GENUINE GLORIA has printed cap and label on each bottle; look out for freak imitators, we are sole agents for Gloria. Hoyle Bros. Telephone.

STORAGE—First class storage room for furniture; private rooms from $2 to $4 a month, according to size, at 255 Hildreth street. Call there or at 597 Merrimack street.

LAWN MOWERS sharpened and repaired, 75c and $1. James Moulton, 24 Davis street.

MISS UPHAM, clairvoyant and card reader; cards read 25c. 81 Merrimack St., corner John.

MRS. CLARA ADAMS, clairvoyant card reader and ladies' employment office. 365 Gorham street, opposite Court house.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1123 Bridge street. Telephone.

MOTHERS—Beal's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

MADAME LENORE—Clairvoyant card reader; also gifted with drawing power. 71 Tyler street.

MME WATSON EMERSON—Clairvoyant and psychological readings at 474 Central street, also instruction in elocution and physical culture.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner Store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION!—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padien, at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1054 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home; special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

MUSIC—German zither music furnished at reasonable rates for concerts, dinner parties, church entertainments and home socials. John C. Hansen, Bon Marche studio.

IF YOU WANT your mattresses made over at your home call at 940 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year; Repairing a specialty. 251 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack St., opp. City Hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination; used by 200,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

POULTRY

POULTRYMEN—To make hens lay feed green cut bone; nothing like it; cut fresh daily. Adams Supply Co., 40 Middlesex street, room 18, Lowell.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

BUILDING OUTLOOK

What The Architects And Builders Are Doing

Prospects for Season Not the Best—Effects of Mill Strike Still Felt—Real Estate Transactions

Building operations in Lowell at the present time are anything but brisk. The spring of each year generally finds the architects hustly engaged making plans, while the contactors are preparing to build, and while there is little in the building line at the present time, there are bright prospects for the future. One of the principal causes for the slump in the building line is the high price of material and many prospective builders are holding off anxiously awaiting a drop in prices. Whether there will be a drop remains to be seen.

A well known local architect in conversation with a representative of The Sun said:

"There is very little going on in the building line at the present time owing to the fact that people believe that building material is too high and that they are waiting for it to come down. It is true that material is high, but no higher than it has been for the past two or three years, and I am afraid that the people who intend building will be disappointed if they wait for any reduction in prices. Just as soon as the people find out that the price of building material will not take a drop, they will start to build.

"I do not believe that the people have yet fully recovered from the strike of last spring, and the numerous strikes and trouble with the building trades around the eastern states have injured the local prospects to some extent in this city. As I said before, I believe that the outlook for the future is bright."

There is no doubt there will be plenty of work for the building crafts until the busy season sets in. The fires during the early part of the year will keep a large number of workmen busy; while small repairs and alterations are being made in many buildings throughout the city.

Among the big jobs now on hand are the Fellows' building, Albion block, Bascom building, O.U.I. Odd Fellows' building and St. Patrick's church. It will be some time before these are completed and probably before then there will be considerable change for the better in the building line.

Speaking of building we are glad to note that Lowell has made rapid strides in that line during the past ten years, and the number of buildings included within the city limits has grown wonderfully. Did you ever try to figure about how many buildings there are in Lowell at the present time? It would be a pretty hard job to come within a thousand of the number unless you had some source from which you could get the information, and no doubt after you learned the total number you would be surprised and wonder where they are all located.

Thinking it might interest the public, a Sun reporter looked up the local building statistics and found there are 16,911 buildings in Lowell. Of this number, 15,801 are of wooden construction, 995 of brick, 49 of stone and 3 of iron.

Of the brick buildings, 689 are blocks, 627 mills, 21 churches and 22 schools.

The wooden structures consist of 11,165 residences, stores and blocks, 154 mill buildings, 24 churches, 28 school houses, 2,262 stables and 2,261 sheds.

There are 42 stone buildings and seven stone churches, and as above stated three iron buildings.

The blocks in question have all the way from four to twenty tenants.

Perhaps the best authorities for noticing the rapid growth in the building line are the officials at the local postoffice. They have to keep track of the growth of the city and put on additional carriers as the number of building increases.

The building up of the suburbs of the city has been very rapid during the past decade and we are glad to note the fact that the erection of the single and double tenement houses has been the popular plan. With the fine street railway facilities which Lowell has at the present time the working people find they can reside in the outskirts of the city and also be within a few minutes ride of their work.

Owners of large tenement blocks find it very difficult to let tenements, while on the other hand as soon as a single or double tenement house is built in the suburbs there are plenty of applicants for them. It has not so now that a man can have a house for his family alone with a nice roomy yard in the suburbs of the city almost as cheap as a tenement in one of the large blocks in the city where the breathing space is limited. It is much healthier to have a little space to breathe in in the country than being confined in the hot, stuffy tenement blocks in the city.

It is a well known fact that the building laws of this city are very poor, but it seems strange that nothing is done to remedy them. We could cite many instances where it is work, but it would be useless to go into detail as the majority of the people know the truth [illegible]

It has got to be so now that the contractors, to a great extent, wholly [illegible] the [illegible] construction and repair of buildings and go ahead with their work not bothering to apply to the superintendent of buildings. [illegible] be built or [illegible] The [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] weight be sent to P.

So that [illegible] of December 27, 1903, [illegible] as follows:—

[illegible] construction or [illegible] section of any building [illegible] or repair of any building [illegible] the superintendent of buildings at least [illegible] before the [illegible] of such building, the character of the materials, mode of construction and estimated cost. If such building is to be erected [illegible] or materially altered within the fire limits of the city, such owner, architect or builder shall, in addition to the statement aforesaid, submit for examination full specifications and plans of the proposed repairs, buildings or alterations; the owner or contractor shall also sign an agreement that the proposed work shall be done in accordance with the description set forth in such plans, specifications and statement, and all such matters and things connected with such work shall be done in strict compliance with this chapter. If it appears from said statement, plans and specifications that the building to be erected, altered or repaired will conform to the provisions of this chapter, so far as applicable thereto, then the superintendent of buildings shall issue a permit. No person shall repair, construct or materially alter any building without such permit."

Section three of the same chapter reads as follows: "Any person who shall violate the provisions of Section one of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars ($20) for each offence."

This ordinance is practically a farce; few builders, if any, bother to submit their plans to the superintendent of buildings. Sometimes the contractor, builder or architect applies for a permit to build when he has finished the job, while on the other hand many wait until the building is completed and then apply for a permit. These violations should be stopped, or else the guilty parties should be punished. It is just as easy to apply for a permit before building as it is afterwards.

The work on the old Odd Fellows' building in Merrimack street, which was damaged by fire in January, is well under way, and Contractor Chas. P. Conant is pushing it ahead rapidly. It will be remembered that the fire damaged only the third and fourth floors, and it is the upper part of the building which is receiving the attention of Mr. Conant.

The third floor, which contained the large lodge room and ante-rooms will be re-built practically the same, but will be equipped with toilet rooms. There will be quite a change on the top floor, however. The entire upper floor will be divided into two large halls. The stairways and halls from the second floor up will be remodelled and fine roomy halls and stairs will take the place of the old narrow and winding flights.

The halls on the upper floor will be much brighter than heretofore as numerous skylights are being placed in position. It was found necessary to put in a new roof as the fire destroyed the former one and while the roof will be flat like the old one, much of the waste space will be utilized, making a higher studding for the halls on the upper floor. Stickney and Austin drew the plans for the remodelling of this building.

The work of rebuilding the Fellows' building in Middle street, which was destroyed by fire on the night of the 12th of January, is progressing rapidly under the direction of Contractor Hartt. It is the intention of Mr. Hartt to push the work ahead as fast as possible, as the owners of the building feels

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roof, it being a continuation of the roof of the O'Donnell & Gilbride building at the corner of Merrimack and Middle streets and will be made into practically one building, though there will be no connections, excepting on the first floor, where the store is located. The windows on the top floor of the Albion block will be of the same pattern as the windows on the top floor of the corner building, but the plan of the brick work on the front of the building of the second and third stories will be practically the same as in the old building.

Where the entrance to the building is now located will be a large double door entrance to the dry goods store and the entrance to the upper floors will be at the extreme western end of the building, next to the Bascom block.

It is understood that the second floor will be fitted in such a manner that the rooms can be let for office purposes, while the third and fourth floors will consist of lodging rooms. There will be wash bowls in every room, the latest pattern of fire escapes on the rear of the building and the fire exits will be numerous enough to insure perfect safety in case of fire.

The mason work will be done by Patrick Conlon and Charles Varnum will do the woodwork. The contract for heating and piping has been given to Welch brothers.

Work has also been commenced on the Bascom building in Merrimack street, which was almost totally destroyed by fire. The plans for this building are very elaborate and have been drawn by Architect Davis. Joseph Jalbert has the mason work in hand while Whittet and McDonald will do the carpenter work, and Arthur Knapp the iron work.

The former building was a three-story affair with a flat roof, but the new building when completed will be the same height as the Mechanics bank building which adjoins it. It will consist of four stories, the first two having a glass frontage and will be used by the O'Donnell & Gilbride company for their dry goods store.

The entrance to the store and the entrance to the rooms on the third and fourth floors will be in the same places as in the old building, but the main entrance to the store will be a mammoth one, the design being novel and unique. It will be two stories high, with circular top and will be brilliantly lighted with incandescents.

The window space for the store will be much larger than before. The third and fourth floors will be used for lodging rooms and will be equipped with all modern and up-to-date improvements and requisites.

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The report refers to the danger of fire when wires are strung above steel ceilings and reads:

"Great care should be used when installing electric wiring where steel ceilings are used, as the possibility of ground and short circuiting is very great and it requires careful and competent workmanship to prevent trouble arising."

The inspector, among his recommendations, has the following to say:

"I would recommend to the city council the passing of an ordinance compelling the gas company and the gas and steam fitters to secure a permit from the inspector of wires office before installing or altering pipes in buildings where electric wires are used. The custom in the past has been to do this work without knowledge or care of how electric wires were crossed. I have found cases where gas pipes were in close proximity to electric wires, and crossed and re-crossed, indiscriminate of the danger of grounding and short circuiting, and while I cannot trace any fires to this cause, the danger is always there and may result in serious loss if not checked in time."

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Yesterday and the previous day the store was crowded with admiring visitors and many took advantage of the display by purchasing a suit or jacket, as it seemed almost impossible to leave their establishment without selecting something from their elegant stock.

Mr. O. M. Cherry is the manager of this store and has branch houses in Brockton and Fall River. In selecting stock for their three large houses they have the advantage of buying in large quantities, thereby always getting the lowest prices, which is a great advantage, as they can sell for less money than any other cloak and suit house in Lowell.

Their opening will continue for the balance of the week and the public is cordially invited to attend.

MAN MISSING

HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Ulderic Bordleau has been missing from his home at 141 Aiken street since March 17. He is 27 years old, about 5 feet 2 inches in height and has a patch of white hair on the back of his head. He wore a dark overcoat, dark suit and dark stiff hat.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

WASHINGTON, March 25—Two noncommissioned officers and five privates of the United States marine corps are being tried by general court martial here on the charge of robbing Captain Robert S. Wynne, while acting quartermaster at the barracks here last August, of $1000 worth of supplies. The stealing was revealed in Panama by the confessing of one of the culprits to Captain Wynne.

WEALTHY EXPERT

Sued by Former Lowell Woman

BOSTON, March 25.—A balm of $5000 for blasted heart hopes and the alleged refusal to keep his promise of marriage has brought about a breach of promise suit instituted by Miss Mary Burke, a lodging house keeper of 7 Davis street, in the South End, against wealthy Thomas McCormick, the noted paper-making expert, lately connected with the International Paper company, and now in charge of the interests of an important British syndicate.

Mr. McCormick is one of the best known men in the paper trade in the East, and has held some of the most responsible positions with the great paper companies and the paper trust.

Mr. McCormick has been known among his acquaintances in this city as a man of the greatest geniality, tact, handsome, always immaculately attired, and carrying an air of distinction about him.

He is said to be a man of about 55 years of age, a widower, and the father of six children.

Last night Miss Burke said:

"I first met Mr. McCormick at my former home in Binghamton, N. Y., and after I came to Boston from my former work in the mills at Lowell, Mass., took this lodging house and have conducted it ever since.

"Mr. McCormick while in the employ of the International Paper company, during six years, made my house the object of his visits when in this city.

"If I did not have a room suitable to his needs at his disposal he used to make his headquarters at the Parker house, but spent his evenings courting me."

It is said that Mr. McCormick is a man estimated to be worth in the neighborhood of $60,000, and while speaking of this, Miss Burke said that this was one of the main reasons why the family of Mr. McCormick opposed the marriage so strenuously.

WANTS DIVORCE

PAPERS FILED BY MRS. RUPERTA MAY WHITTIER.

HAVERHILL, March 25.—Mrs. Ruperta May Whittier has filed a petition in the superior court for an absolute divorce from her husband, Capt. David F. Whittier.

The latter, who disappeared Dec. 15, 1903, after being elected alderman from ward 1 on the republican ticket, has not since been heard from, although two months after his disappearance it was reported that he had enlisted in the regular army in New York. He was recently court-martialed by officers of the M. V. M. for disobedience of orders in absenting himself from his command, Co. F, 8th infantry, M. V. M., of this city without leave, but the finding of the court has not as yet been announced.

In her petition for a divorce Mrs. Whittier says that she was married in South Waterboro, Me., in 1891, and she charges her missing husband with wanton and cruel neglect. She also asks for the custody of her two minor children.

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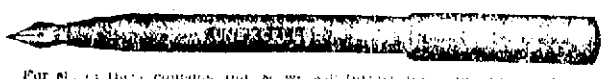

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BY THREE POINTS

Lowell Took Second Game From Manchester

WACHTER CREDITED WITH SIX BASKETS

Natick Defeated So. Framingham at Last

Lowell took the second game in the post season series with Manchester last night. The score was 21 to 21 and it was not until the last few minutes of play that the home team clinched the game. It was the closest contest these teams have played and the Manchesters, strengthened by Wachter of Haverhill, put up the gamest kind of an argument all the way through. At the close of the first period the score stood even at nine points each. The close of the second period found Lowell in the lead by five points and then both teams settled down to sizzling play.

Pretty soon Manchester drew up and within five minutes of the finish the teams had 19 points each to their credit and the rooters were in their element. Such cheering and wild yelling one could scarcely imagine as were heard at this point. Finally Lowell was awarded a point on fouls and there was another outbreak on the part of the loyal rooters for the home team. Tigue came in just at the right time and sent Lowell two more points ahead with an easy basket. Manchester got a point on a third foul and Lowell was also rewarded for foul work on the part of Manchester so that the sound of the gong found the home team winners—24 to 21.

Wachter was the star performer of the night in several ways. He threw five baskets on Toby Mathews and he had 11 fouls chalked up against him. Wachter showed that he can play the game and his work was in striking contrast to his performance the night before against South Framingham. At times he was unnecessarily rough, but this was because he jumped into every kind of a scrimmage and regardless of the chances that he took. Kane and Qualey nearly came to blows and only for the interference of the referee and some of the players there would have been a few passes. The trouble between the pair started after the men had jumped for the ball and Qualey had tossed Kane. The latter arose and started for the Manchester captain and the bleacherites stood up to see the fun, but were disappointed when Referee Godley jumped between the two players.

Some of the Manchester sympathizers were inclined to criticise the referee and claimed that he handed Manchester the worst end of the deal, but there were others not interested as to the winner of the game, but only desirous of witnessing a lively contest who believed that the teams were treated alike and that there was no cause for complaint.

Considerable money was wagered on the game, even money prevailing. The third game will be played in Manchester tomorrow night. The next Lowell game will be next Thursday night.

Lineup and summary:

LOWELL.	MANCHESTER.
Kane lf	rb Qualey
Mathews rf	lb Wachter
Getzinger c	c Lynch
Leighton lb	rf Donnelly
Tigue rb	lf Devlin

FIRST PERIOD.

Goal, Lowell, Tigue	2—0
Goal, Lowell, Kane	4—0
Third foul, Lowell, Tigue	4—1
Goal, Manchester, Wachter	4—3
Goal, Manchester, Wachter	4—5
Goal, Lowell, Leighton	6—5
Third foul, Manchester, Lynch	7—5
Goal, Manchester, Wachter	7—7
Third foul, Lowell, Mathews	7—8
Third foul, Manchester, Qualey	8—8
Third foul, Manchester, Donnelly	9—8
Third foul, Lowell, Mathews	9—9

SECOND PERIOD.

Third foul, Manchester, Devlin	10—9
Third foul, Manchester, Wachter	11—9
Goal, Lowell, Kane	13—9
Third foul, Lowell, Kane	13—10
Goal, Lowell, Kane	15—10
Third foul, Manchester, Qualey	16—10
Goal, Lowell, Leighton	18—10
Third foul, Lowell, Mathews	18—11
Goal, Manchester, Wachter	18—13

THIRD PERIOD.

Third foul, Manchester, Qualey	19—13
Goal, Manchester, Wachter	19—15
Goal, Manchester, Devlin	19—17
Goal, Manchester, Donnelly	19—19
Third foul, Manchester, Devlin	20—19
Third foul, Lowell, Tigue	21—20
Third foul, Manchester, Devlin	21—20
Third foul, Manchester, Lynch	22—20
Goal, Lowell, Tigue	24—20
Third foul, Lowell, Leighton	24—21

Score, Lowell 24, Manchester 21. Goals from the floor, Kane 3, Leighton 2, Tigue 2, Wachter 6, Devlin, Donnelly. Points on fouls, Lowell 10, Manchester 7. Fouls committed, Mathews 6, Leighton 5, Kane 4, Tigue 4, Getzinger 2, Wachter 10, Lynch 6, Qualey 6, Donnelly 5, Devlin 3. Referee, Michael Godley of Fitchburg. Timekeepers, Bucky Halloran for Lowell, J. Wynne for Manchester. Attendance, 100.

GREAT GAME

NATICK DEFEATS SO. FRAMINGHAM 29 TO 22.

NATICK, March 25.—In a game marked by excellent blocking, the local team downed the South Framingham basket ball team last evening in Concert hall, 29 to 22. The game was the last of the series between the local team and the South Framingham quintet, and although the latter had won the two preceding games more than 1200 turned out to witness last evening's game.

Both Managers Healey and Sullivan were anxious to win the game and sent their best men in. The local team was completely shaken up and Hayes and Punch started as forwards, and H. Sheridan and Martens took care of the back field. That manager Healey's move was a good one was very evident from the start.

Both teams started in by playing a fast blocking game, and it was 4 minutes before the first basket was thrown The period closed, 7 to 6, in favor of the local team. In the second period both teams adopted the same blocking tactics, the score standing 14 to 7.

In the last period Manager Sullivan of Framingham, in his endeavor to stem the tide of defeat, called Ferat from the floor and put in Harry Hough. Manager Healey was prepared for this move, however, and called out Lynch and placed Jimmie Healey against the South Framingham wonder. Although the former threw two baskets from the floor, he and his team-mate were unable to overtake the local team.

Capt. Hayes was forced to quit, owing to a sprained ankle. The game was for a side bet of $150 and the full receipts of the house. The summary:

NATICK	S. FRAMINGHAM
H. Sheridan rf	lb Kincade
Hayes rf	
Lynch rf	
Falle rf	
Punch lf	rb Mayham
W. Sheridan c	c Mulliner
H. Sheridan rb	lf Ferat
Healey rb	lf Hough
Martens lb	rf Fogarty

Score, Natick 29, South Framingham 22. Goals from floor, Martens 6, Punch 2, H. Sheridan 2, Fogarty 3, Hayes, W. Sheridan, Mulliner 2, Hough 2. Goals from fouls, Natick 5, South Framingham 8. Referee, T. J. Riley. Scorer, Dewey. Timers, Hoey and Sullivan. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance, 1200.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

E. J. Carpenter's "For Her Sake" company drew large audiences at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening.

"For Her Sake," while somewhat more melo-dramatic than any of Hope's plays, challenges comparison with "The Prisoner of Zenda," in its abundance of incident and rapid movement, and emerges from the comparison with credit. In fact, the incidents of "For Her Sake" possess an advantage over those of "The Prisoner of Zenda" or "Rupert of Hentzau," inasmuch as they are supposed to have taken place in a real and not an imaginary kingdom, and are consequently within the bounds of the ordinary imagination.

The play last night was excellently presented, the company being fully equal to the exacting demands made upon it by the many dramatic situations of the plot, and the sharp contrasts between the various characters. Miss Margaret Bowers made a great success in the part of the serf girl, Olga, and had the house with her all through. Not only did she enact the character with insight, but she possessed the good looks necessary for the role to have its full effect.

Miss Estelle Seafert as Phyllis Gray, a New York girl with an eye to business, also made a hit, extricating all there was in the part. Miss Ella Marble made an excellent Princess Wakanoff.

"Billy" Marble, who had the part of General Gruffoff, was as popular with the house as ever, while Edwin Scribner, in the leading role of Prince Vladimir, ably filled the part. The other parts were also filled in an admirable manner.

Manager Murphy has offered two beautiful gold filled watches, one a gentleman's timepiece, and the other a lady's, to the person holding the lucky number. At each performance when a person purchases a reserved seat he or she is presented with a number and a corresponding number is also held by the management, and on Saturday evening all of these checks will be put into a hat and a small boy will be picked from the audience to pick a number. The person having the number corresponding which is drawn from the hat will be presented with the watch. The person holding the lucky ticket is expected to be on hand to claim the watch. If he or she is not in attendance and the number is not called for in due time another number will be picked until one which is represented in the audience is picked.

"For Her Sake" will be presented this afternoon and evening and also twice tomorrow.

HOME TALENT

EXCLUSIVELY GIVEN AT SWEDISH CHURCH CONCERT.

A fine concert was given at the Swedish Lutheran church Wednesday evening under the direction of Frank E. Lindquist, musical director of the church. A feature of the concert was the fact that "home" talent exclusively filled the program. Mr. Linquist has recently taken charge of the church choir and has trained a male chorus of 12 voices. They were heard and likewise an orchestra made up exclusively of members of the church.

The program was as follows: Song, choir; selection, "Under the American Eagle," orchestra; solo, Mr. A. K. Brander; chorus, choir; recitation, Miss Sigrid Christianson; chorus, male choir; piano solo, "Ucvald," Miss Josephine Pearson; chorus, choir; duet, Miss Gerda Pearson and Mr. F. E. Lindquist; chorus, male choir; recitation, Miss Ida Johnson; chorus, male choir; selection, orchestra; song 150th psalm, choir and orchestra.

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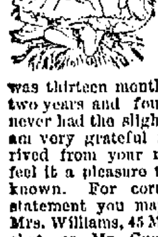

"We noticed an improvement at once, and within a fortnight the running had ceased and the scales were nearly all dried off, and in a month his face was perfectly clear, not a spot left. I have enclosed photograph of him when he was thirteen months old. He is now two years and four months, and has never had the slightest return of it. I am very grateful for the benefits derived from your remedies, and shall feel it a pleasure to make their value known. For corroboration of this statement you may refer any one to Mrs. Williams, 45 Michaels Road, Aldershot, or Mr. Gunstane, 40 Victoria Road, Aldershot, to whom we recommended the remedies for a skin humour, which they also cured. You are at liberty to do what you like with this statement, as I should like all to know of the value of Cuticura."

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SWEPT BY STORM

Three Persons Killed by the Wind

MANY RESIDENCES WERE BADLY DAMAGED

Loss to Winter Wheat Reaches $50,000

CHICAGO, March 25.—One of the most severe storms this city has known in many years passed over Chicago last night. Great damage was done in the suburbs to the south of the city and considerable loss was sustained north of the city proper. The storm did not strike the business portion of the city in its greatest force.

The storm in the vicinity of Indiana Harbor was the most severe ever known there. Three people are known to be dead, several are fatally hurt, and at midnight there were several others reported missing, who may be buried in the ruins of their homes.

A two-story brick building, known as the Barker building, was blown down and a number of people who had sought shelter there were buried in the ruins.

The dead are M. Barker and two unknown men. Thirteen people are missing.

The storm covered the entire region around Hammond and Indiana Harbor, and was cyclonic in its nature. Telegraph and telephone wires are down.

In addition to the Barker building, six other structures are demolished and at least 32 are unroofed.

Eighteen residences were blown down and several persons were hurt in the ruins of their homes. Telegraph and telephone wires are down for miles between Chicago and Indian Harbor.

In Hammond, Ind., a number of residences were badly damaged, and two people were injured. One end of the large plant of the Republic Iron & Steel company was blown down. A number of business houses were unroofed and the city last night was in total darkness. In the freight yards great damage was done. Many cars were unroofed, blown over and the yards were piled with wreckage.

On the Grand crossing, eight miles south of the center of the city, a number of buildings were wrecked, freight cars blown about the yards, and the tracks of the railroads covered with debris.

Telegraph and telephone companies suffered greatly south of the city.

In Thornton, to the north of the city, the frame dwelling of E. Gardner was blown into a stone quarry. Gardner and his wife sustained serious injuries. Several other people were injured. The Lutheran church was blown down, and a number of residences damaged.

The fall of rain west and north of Evanston, 12 miles north of Chicago, was so heavy that the crops were badly damaged. It is said that the loss of the winter wheat in this section alone will amount to $50,000.

BUILDINGS UNROOFED.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 25.—Six houses were wrecked and a number of their inmates were injured here last night by a severe wind storm which was accompanied by rain. A large number of other buildings were moved from their foundations.

At Muskegon several buildings were unroofed and considerable damage was done, though no persons have as yet been reported injured.

HEAVY DAMAGE.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., March 25.—An electrical storm, accompanied by a high wind and a heavy fall of rain, caused considerable damage here last night. The lightning struck many buildings, among them the plant of a fireworks manufactory, which exploded, and three of the large buildings were burned. A large number of persons were injured and many dwellings were demolished. The loss will reach many thousands of dollars.

Special low prices at Cooper's, 320 Merrimack street.

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

At the recital next Sunday at Huntington hall the society will be assisted by two distinguished artists, Mme. Rosa Linde, contralto, and her daughter, Miss Nellie Wright, soprano, of New York city. Mme. Linde displayed her remarkable powers to an enthusiastic orchestral audience last season and it is only necessary to add for the information of those who were not present that she stands at the head of American contraltos, having been deemed worthy by Nordica to lead in the Nordica-Linde Operatic company. She has sung with every prominent musical organization in the United States. She has a voice of wonderful range, extending over three octaves from c to c. The richness, purity and power of her lower register are rarely equaled and her charming stage presence is captivating. Her daughter, Miss Nellie Wright, soprano, is young and of magnificent appearance, while her voice and singing are so phenomenal that Mme. Sembrich on having heard her a year ago, offered her a place in opera. They will appear in solos and duets and the musical people of Lowell may anticipate a rare treat. Reserved seats at Austin's, 25 and 50 cents, today and Saturday and at the hall Sunday at 1 o'clock.

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WASN'T STOLEN

Constable Bradley Had the Team

Wednesday morning the police received a telephone call from W. McGookin of Plain street, advising them that some one had entered his stable during the night and stole his horse, harness and wagon. The whole outfit was valued at $51 and the police were dumbfounded to hear that a man would have the temerity to risk a term in prison for so poor a hitch.

The officers, however, were told to be on the lookout for the missing team, but the "look out" was stricken from the police blotter yesterday when it was learned that it was Constable Charlie Bradley who had taken the outfit and he did it on a process that gave him authority so to do. There was $15 still owing on the horse and that is why the constable did the trick.

DAUGHTERS OF POCHAHONTAS.

The members of Minnequa council, Daughters of Pocahontas, held a whist and pit party at the home of Mrs. G. Rigby, Middlesex village, Thursday evening, in aid of the Domestic table of the annual fair to be held in American Mechanics hall, Middlesex street, April 25. After a pleasant evening's entertainment refreshments were served.

A NEW COACHMAN.

Mr. Bernard Brown of Walker street the popular coachman for Mr. Jacob Rogers, is passing around the cigars. It is a 12-pound boy.

PILGRIM FATHERS

HELD ENTERTAINMENT IN BAY STATE HALL.

The Mozart quartet, Messrs. McMahon, Thornton, Donnelly and Murphy, gave a delightful concert last evening under the auspices of Bay State colony, No. 71, United Order of Pilgrim Fathers, in Post 185 hall, and a large audience heartily applauded the fine work of the celebrated quartet.

Interspersed with the music were remarks on the order by ex-Supreme Gov. Treadwell, Supreme Director Edward O'Connor and Deputy Supreme Louis Towey.

Edwin O. Foster, supreme lieutenant governor of Salem, was the principal speaker and he dwelt at length on the stability of the order, which has been doing business in New England for 25 years and has paid all claims in that time.

GAS APPLIANCES

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The Good Old Summer Time is coming and it's going to be a Hot one—one that will burn away your memory of the cold winter now past. Now is the time for the Lowell housewife to get ready to get the best of that *HOT KITCHEN*. There's but one way and that is to do away with the wasteful hot fire in that horrid hot stove. Lucifer! think how you suffered last summer and how your husband would roar if he had the time to consider the fuel wasted during summer in your kitchen to maintain a fire in the range or stove for cooking. Burning Blazes! how can you good women sizzle away your lives in hot kitchens? Or what is worse, how can you compel your servants to do it? How can you expect your servants to be tame under such compulsion? Why wouldn't they turn over in the oven and roast you? Now, again, after wiping away the perspiration, look at this picture and cool off.

A HOT SUMMER

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SIMPSON HIGHEST

In Recent Civil Service Examination

BUT HIS NAME IS HELD UP

Ranks Obtained for Foremen and Janitors

The results of the recent examinations for foremen and janitors in the municipal service are as follows: For foremen, John F. Eawright, 85.40; John G. Gordon, 84.55; Jeremiah J. Hayes, 73.50; George W. Fifield, 67.20. The first three are for street work and the third for sewer work.

The janitors' examination resulted as follows: William H. Mason, 81.57; James F. Leary, 78.61; John Barrett, 78.19; David E. Cornock, 75.05; Omer J. Smith, 73.37; William F. McGarr, 73.27; Samuel Flemings, 72.01; Robert J. Wotton, 69.20; Timothy McNamara, 66.89.

A few days ago The Sun mentioned the fact that a protest had been made against the name of Edwin Simpson going on the eligible list, Mr. Simpson having taken both the street and sewer examinations the same day.

When The Sun reporter asked Mr. Conant why the name of Mr. Simpson did not appear on the eligible list the latter replied: "We have his name under consideration at present and will determine what to do in a few days. I will say, however, that Mr. Simpson got the highest rank of all."

CORPORATION TAXES

UNDER NEW LAW STATE GETS MORE MONEY.

The assessors of Holyoke have been in conference with the local board this week over a new law going into effect this year, by which the cities will receive less and the state more from the corporation taxes than formerly. The assessors are in doubt as to just how the change is to be made, but there is no doubt about the result, for the city of Holyoke loses about $21,000 and Lowell $30,000.

MILLINERY OPENING.

The Misses Rogers, at 175 Merrimack street, are in line with the rest of the milliners and their store is very tastefully and appropriately decorated with flowers, potted plants and ferns. There is a large variety of trimmed hats and bonnets as well as shapes and material used in making hats. The Misses Rogers in the past have had a very large patronage, and it is no wonder, as their prices for work and material have always been entirely satisfactory. The opening will continue today and tomorrow, and while out inspecting styles do not fail to call.

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Afternoon Programme

PART 1st

1. March, from Athalie — Mendelssohn
2. Overture, Oberon — Weber
3. Concert Waltz, Militaire — Waldteufel
4. a. Lost Happiness — Gillett; b. Under the Balcony — Gruenwald; c. Entre, Acte Gavotte — Gillett
   For String Sextette
   Messrs. Borjes, Laviguer, Borjes, Jr., Pease, Hecker and Searle
5. Selection from Carmen — Bizet

PART 2nd

6. Descriptive Piece, The Coaching Party, — Michaelis
7. Intermezzo, Mazeppa — Schwartz
8. Selection from the Yankee Consul — Robyn
9. Glockenspiel Solo, "Loin du Bal" — Gillett
   Mr. B. L. Williams
10. Medley Overture, Swanee River, — Von Tilzer

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Evening Programme

PART 1st

1. March, Tannhauser — Wagner
2. Overture, Vaudeville — Koppitz
3. a. Intermezzo, Mousme — Eugene; b. Entre Acte, La Colombe — Gounod
4. Quartette for Brass Instruments
   Good Night, Beloved — Pinsuti
   Messrs. McDaniel, Bryant, Pease and Park.
5. Selection from the Opera, Mr. Pickwick — Klein

PART 2nd

6. International Fantasia
   A Trip to Great Britain — Loesch
7. a. Navajo, Indian Intermezzo; b. The Congo Love Song — Alstyne
   As Sung by Marie Cahill in Nancy Brown
8. Grand Selection from the Bohemian Girl — Balfe
9. Trombone Solo, The Stein Song — Bullard
   Mr. O. R. Park
10. Finale, Russian Dance — Bendix

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SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590** A gain of 1083 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

15,252 The sworn daily average circulation for two months of 1904 was: **15,252**

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

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For better or worse the police commission for the present will remain as it is. It is just as well as to be changed in any of the ways proposed by the legislature.

As a corollary to the management of his presidential boom Mr. Hearst of course will keep on lambasting the trusts. As a side issue to the campaign the crusade against the trusts will serve the purpose. Nobody expects it to accomplish anything.

The New Jersey "jays" have returned wiser men than they came. They may have to answer for shooting an insane man in territory where they had no standing as officers. They hoped to make a great haul in the recovery of stolen goods and thus disparage the Lowell and Billerica officers but they were simply foiled by a crazy man.

WHY THIS LEGISLATIVE INTERFERENCE?

We should like to know on what grounds the state legislature can interpose its power to prevent cities from keeping efficient men at the head of their respective fire departments. The bill to give life tenure of office to the present incumbents in the departments looks like a conspiracy by the engineers themselves through lobbyists. Why not include all firemen? It is not so important to give a poor subordinate a life job as it is to hold an incompetent or inefficient engineer at the head of a department as long as he is able to crawl. The people whose lives and property are at stake are the ones who should have the decision of such matters.

A SCENE OF BRUTALITY.

That was a brutal scene enacted at the Boott yard yesterday noon. When a few of these understrappers known as yard hands, gatemen, watchmen and special officers see an opportunity to jump upon a man they seldom lose the opportunity if a sufficient number of them happen to be around. Yesterday three of them gave a disgraceful exhibition, jumping on a man when they got him down and then hammering his head against an iron pole. We like to see respect for the law on the part of the populace but in a case of that kind we assert that the crowd, the mob or whatever you may call it, had a right to interfere and prevent such brutality. Because this or that understrapper wears the badge of the law is no reason why he should be permitted to wantonly violate the law with impunity.

RAPID GROWTH OF THE UNITED STATES FLEET.

According to statements made in recent debates in the United States senate it appears that in four years hence the United States navy will be the equal or perhaps the superior of the French navy. England heads the list at the present time in the number and tonnage of her war craft.

Senator Hale stated recently that the United States navy numbered 254 efficient warships and that 43 are either authorized or under construction. Before the Spanish-American war, the United States fleet stood sixth or seventh as rated on paper, but its growth since then has astonished the world.

There is no telling what navy is best, all things considered. It is the discipline and bravery of the men, the speed and equipment of the ships that count. A formidable fleet may be destroyed by one half its size. If Japan should win in the present war she would soon develop into one of the foremost naval powers in the world. She seems capable of handling a navy, so that its efforts tell in every battle. It is fully as much a matter of men as of ships. Good ships poorly manned will never accomplish much.

REV. FR. DELANEY'S APPOINTMENT

The Concord (N. H.) Monitor, published by Ex-Senator Chandler, pays the following high tribute to Rev. John B. Delaney on his appointment as bishop of Manchester:

"The appointment of Father John B. Delaney to be bishop of Manchester is one which every citizen of New Hampshire will cordially commend. It will add to the Catholic hierarchy of New England a young, vigorous, cultured prelate, trained to the duties of his new office and looking forward by God's will, to many years of fruitful labor. Best of all, Father Delaney's appointment carries the assurance of the continuance of that wise and saintly policy of church administration by which his gifted predecessor and superior made this diocese noted for its spirit of progress; for, while the new bishop will be no slavish imitator, it cannot be but that his years of intimate association with Bishop Bradley have enabled him to take on much of that zealous prelate's gracious habit of mind and manner, and under his guidance we shall look for the Catholic church in New Hampshire to extend its work of education, philanthropy and spiritual elevation to a degree of which its past history is merely the faintest promise."

In reference to the appointment of Rev. Fr. Delaney a cablegram from Rome says that the announcement was premature, that the appointment has not yet been reached by the propaganda, but from some reliable source it is understood that he is undoubtedly to be the successor to the late Bishop Bradley. Lowell is proud to have her sons honored. Bishop Delaney will be the fourth Lowell priest to be raised to the dignity of bishop.

SOUTH CAROLINA AS A LIQUOR DEALER.

South Carolina is called upon like every other liquor dealer to pay a revenue tax but she refuses and the matter is under adjudication in the courts. It will be remembered that south Carolina hit upon the peculiar method known as the dispensary system under government direction. The system has been fairly satisfactory and one of the features which makes it so acceptable to the state is that it brings a large income to the state treasury. The court of claims has decided against the protest of South Carolina and now the state has appealed to the supreme court of the United States.

The decision of the court of claims was in part as follows:

"From the evidence submitted it seems clear that the commercial character of the state's undertaking is stamped unmistakably upon the system. The statute establishing it authorized a profit of 50 per cent., and contemplated large profits, directing the manner in which they should be utilized and distributed. As a matter of fact, the system has been a great commercial success and has yielded large profits. The national government does not interfere with the exercise of the police power, but the national government cannot be compelled, directly or indirectly, to aid it. The police power extends no further than the general welfare. The general welfare is one thing; exemption from taxation is another."

It remains to be seen whether this decision will be overruled by the highest court in the land. The profitable character of the liquor business as conducted under the dispensary system is likely to appeal to the cupidity of other states. As a mode of regulating the abuses connected with the liquor business the reports speak very favorably of the dispensary system but the friends of temperance are not prepared to favor the idea of the state going into the liquor business.

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Men's Black Thibet and Unfinished Worsted Suits, single and double breast, $10 to $15, and from Rogers, Peet & Co., $20 to $25.

New Top Coats, of covert cloth, homespun and cheviots, $8 to $20.

Regular Spring Overcoats, knee length, plain or silk lined, $8 to $15, from Rogers, Peet & Co., $15 to $30.

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HOUSE GOT TIRED

Wearied of "Bill" Hayes' Talk

BOSTON, March 25.—While Representative Hayes of Lowell was making fun of the bill to provide for three or more brakemen on freight trains yesterday, in the lower branch of the legislature, the house became tired and adjourned. Mr. Hayes, on two previous occasions, had tried to kill the bill, and yesterday he resorted to ridicule, saying it would be just as good legislation to have a brakeman on every car, and all cars painted a certain color, and the engineer forbidden to give the fireman a drink while passing through no-license towns.

Representative Fallon of Quincy asked the house if it wouldn't be cheaper to go to a vaudeville theatre and hear a first-class clown, rather than to listen to the gentleman from Lowell (Mr. Hayes).

Mr. Hayes, who sits near Mr. Fallon, looking straight at Mr. Fallon, replied: "The way I'm looking now, I don't believe it is necessary."

The bill will be first on the calendar today.

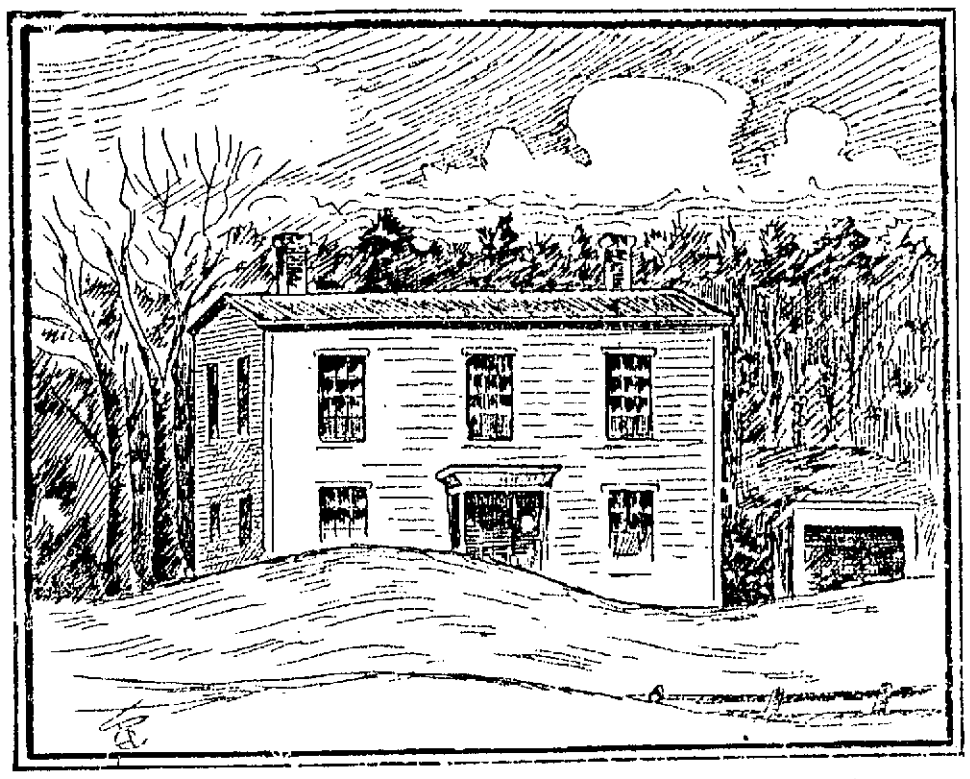
Representative Fordis C. Parker acted as speaker a large part of the afternoon, Speaker Frothingham being away.

Messrs. Poland of Wakefield, McManus of Natick and Mitchell of Marlboro championed a bill to permit cities and towns to impose further conditions on street railways when the municipalities give the railways a right to extend their lines beyond the original grant. Under the present laws the towns and cities cannot impose further conditions. The committee on street railways reported against the bill. Mr. Pingree of Haverhill said the bill was unfair, unwise and unjust. The bill was not rejected as recommended but accepted by a vote of 61 to 33. Mr. McManus told of the trials of the town of Natick because there was no such law, and it was his speech yesterday which largely contributed to the vote giving the bill its standing.

Representative A. S. Hall of Winchester wanted a bill referred to the next general court which permits the state to pass on the qualifications of school superintendents in districts where the state pays a part of the salary of such superintendent. His motion was defeated and the bill was given a third reading.

Mr. Harrington of Hinsdale tried to save a bill reported on adversely to require street railways to carry pupils of commercial schools at reduced rates. His motion to substitute the bill was defeated, 47 to 44. The adverse report was then accepted.

The committee on ways and means reported a bill to appropriate $392,000 for expenses incurred in the construction of the high level gravity sewer for the relief of the Charles and Neponset river valleys.



SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.

The Lowell pesthouse or contagious hospital, sketched by The Sun artist. This is the cottage in which small-pox patients are treated and suspects detained. It is the only apology for a contagious hospital in the possession of the city at the present time; but is never used for any other purpose than small-pox.

Fred C. Church held the insurance on Taylor & Barker's buildings at fire in Wamesit yesterday afternoon.

SPRING MILLINERY OPENING.

All the latest styles and novelties in spring millinery can be found at Johnson's, 314 Merrimack street. Opening Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Eirene lodge of Good Templars met in regular session last night, and during the business meeting one new member was proposed. The good of the order comprised the piano solos by Miss Ella Edmunds; reading, "The Drunkard's Lament," E. S. Varney; song, Miss Gertrude L. Judd; piano duet, Misses Ivy Hands and Inez Turnbull. Mrs. Sylvia Smith next gave an amusing recitation, and was followed by Mrs. Jennie F. Turnbull in a spicy reading. Miss Mamie Clarke then delighted her hearers by a finely rendered harmonica solo, responding to an enthusiastic encore. The district lecturer, Albert Sutcliffe, made interesting remarks.

The attendance at the meeting was unusually large.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL, R. A.

The regular meeting of Highland council, Royal Arcanum, was held last night with a large attendance. After the business meeting a debate was held by the members of the Benjamin Franklin Debating club, which proved very interesting and instructive to the members. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, That the United States should be more favorable to Japan than to Russia, in the war of the Far East." The judges were A. G. Walsh, Alanson Gray and George E. Hutchins.

The first speaker for the affirmative was J. Newcomb Lake and he was followed by William Platin, George Ketchen, Patrick Begley, Harold Caverly and John H. Murphy. After the judges had retired John Coyne of the Franklin club gave a very interesting summing up of the question in which he said that he favored the negative side. This seemed the opinion of fully half of the audience. The judges of whom A. G. Walsh was chairman, after a half hour's deliberation, decided two to one in favor of the affirmative. The prize was a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

The regular meeting of Prosperity Circle, Independent Companions of the Forest was held in Foresters' hall last evening. Six propositions were received and three new members initiated. It was decided to run a leap year party about the middle of April.

WILL EXHUME BODY.

SALEM, Mass., March 25—For the purpose of obtaining further evidence regarding the death of Mrs. Dora D. Trask, who was shot at Beverly, March 3, the body of the woman will be exhumed late this afternoon by the authorities. Medical experts from this city and Boston will make a thorough examination of the body. Joseph A. Hastings of Salem is held on the charge of having caused Mrs. Trask's death.

HEAD & SHAW'S GRAND SPRING MILLINERY OPENING.

This firm has always been and is today the emporium of fashions in the millinery line. This fact is well known to every lady in this city and suburbs as they always give entire satisfaction to their customers. Their store is one of the principal attractions on the street today, judging from the large number of visitors. Their display of up-to-date millinery is a great triumph as no better can be found in the city. Among the fashionable hats are the celebrated Hedelia and Gage. The Hedelia is the design that almost drove Chauncy Olcott, the actor, crazy. There are hundreds of other hats and bonnets that will strike the admiring ladies as just right in style, quality and price. The opening will continue today and tomorrow and all are invited to call and inspect their stock.

OPENING SALE

—of—

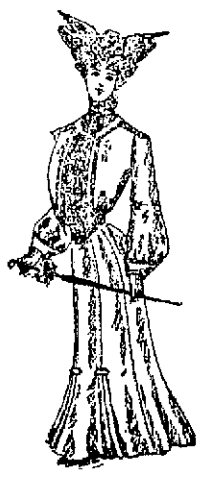
Ladies' and Misses' Spring Garments

THIS WEEK

FIVE SAMPLE LINES BOUGHT AT 33 1-3 PER CENT. OFF.

Must turn them into money at once before the regular season commences. Now is the time to replenish your Spring Clothing at

MONEY SAVING PRICES



NEW TAILORED SUITS

In all the latest effects such as Eton or Jacket Styles.

Lot 1—New $12.50 Suits, this sale $7.50

Lot 2—New $17.50 Suits, this sale $11.75

Lot 3—New $25.00 Suits, this sale $17.50

RAIN COATS.

$10.00 Ladies' Rain Coats..... $5.00
$12.50 Ladies' Rain Coats..... $8.98
$20.00 Ladies' Rain Coats..... $12.50

WALKING AND DRESS SKIRTS.

1 lot new $3.00 Skirts, this sale.... $1.68
1 lot new $5.00 Skirts, this sale.... $3.50
1 lot new $5.00 Etamine Skirts, this sale $3.50

SHIRT WAISTS.

1 lot 75c Lawn Waists..... 48c
1 lot $2.75 China Silk Waists..... $1.69
1 lot $5.00 and $6.00 Waists, slightly soiled $2.50

COVERT AND BLACK JACKETS.

200 new garments to select from. Immense values at $3.98, $5.00, $6.75, $10.98 and $12.50

LADIES' SWEATERS.

Just the Garment for now.

$2.00 quality, now..... $1.49
$3.00 quality, now..... $1.98
$3.50 quality, now..... $2.49

SMALL BALANCE OF WINTER GARMENTS TO CLOSE AT A MERE FRACTION OF COST.

4 Nearseal Jackets, worth $45, now..... $24.50
20 Cloth Coats that sold from $7.00 to $12, now..... $3.00
18 Cloth Jackets that were $15.00 to $20.00, now..... $5.00

BIG BARGAINS IN PETTICOATS, WRAPPERS, CHILDREN'S GARMENTS, ETC.

Make no mistake. You will get the most for your money during this sale ever offered in Lowell.

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Iron-Ox Cures Constipation

Iron-Ox Not a Purgative

Don't abuse your bowels with purgatives and cathartics. They soon lose their effect and are always dangerous. Iron-Ox **cures** constipation and stomach, liver and kidney troubles by healthful tonic action.

Fifty Iron-Ox Tablets in an attractive aluminum pocket-case, 25 cents, at druggists, or from

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Some clothing houses sell clothing on credit. We don't. We can prove to any fair-minded person that it is bad for the seller and bad for the buyer to do a credit clothing business. The clothier who sells on credit is bound to lose money—more or less.

No house on earth has ever yet succeeded in doing a credit business without meeting with losses.

Who makes the loss good? Why, bless you, the man who pays cash—no two ways about it.

Again the house who sells on credit must buy on credit, and thus lose the advantage the cash buyer has over the credit buyer.

Any sane man can see the advantage we have over the credit store, and our patrons reap the benefit. Our prices tell the story better than we can.

DOUBLE DARK BLUE STAMPS SATURDAY

J. L. Chalifoux, 49 to 59 Central St.

CASH CLOTHIER

Spring Opening

Come Tonight and Tomorrow

FINEST SHOING IN LOWELL

COVERT JACKETS

Corset Fitting and Loose Back

Specials Friday and Saturday

$6.98, $8.98, $9.75

SPECIAL--$13.98

To Start Our

SPRING SUITS

Worth $18.00

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12 John Street, Lowell

Have You Seen the Ladies' Easter Suits and Covert Coats at the

MERRIMACK?

Don't miss a good treat — most everyone expects something exclusive from the Merrimack — and the Merrimack never disappoints.

To-day

We show you styles that are unequalled in design within 26 miles of Lowell, and when you find their equal you'll find the price 25 per cent. more. Give us an opportunity to show you—to serve you—to save you and to please you.

Covert Coats

A new Coat shown today for the first time, made from Covert with wide, welt strapping, double breasted front, a value of entrusting merit at **$15.00.**

Also another new style shown for the first time--Birds' Eye Covert made collarless with welt seams and button trimmed for **$12.50.**

Covert Coat, in the collarless effect with box plaited effect on each gore, velvet and gilt button trimmings, making a very dressy coat at **$18.50.**

Covert Coat, fitted back, double breasted front, French seams and taffeta lined and thoroughly a hand tailored garment for **$10.**

Suits

A fine dress suit of Cheviot made in the Cape Eton style with Persian vest and buttons, full sleeves with deep cuffs and finely tailored for **$15.00.**

Collarless Eton Suit of Cheviot in black, blue and brown with split cape effect, stitched cuffs and collar of Peau de Soie, also eton and skirt artistically trimmed with heavy Soutache braid, for **$20.**

Walking Suit of Lymansville Cheviot, coat style, 24 inches long, epaulette effect with braid and button trimming, box plaited, gored skirt and perfectly tailored **$22.50.**

Voile Dress Suits, Eton style, epaulette shoulders, braid and button trimmed--skirt with the new kilted gores and in every way a new model, **$27.50.**

Ladies' Department

Merrimack Clothing Co.

Opposite City Hall

BUILDING OUTLOOK

(Continued from Page Four.)

confident that the many improvements included in the plans made by Architect Davis will find ready tenants for the building.

The task which Contractor Burtt has on his hands at the present time is really more difficult than the erection of a new building, as the new structure will be erected on the original foundations and the placing of all girders and beams will be in exactly the same places as in the building which was destroyed. The supports on the first floor are in position as are also the heavy girders. The non-arrival of a carload of lumber delayed the work somewhat this week.

The brick work, which was sublet by Mr. Burtt to George H. Staples, has been abandoned for a time in order to expedite matters. As has been previously stated in this paper the two upper stories of the rear wall will have to be torn down and already the workmen have removed the brick from the upper story; but Mr. Burtt will not allow the tearing down of the third story of the wall until he has the flooring built on that story, as instead of the bricks being thrown to the basement they can be laid on the flooring and then relaid. It is expected that the work of removing the brick on the Middle street side of the building will be commenced right away.

All of the inside brick walls have been plumbed and made fireproof. The substitution of steel for stone girders in the elevator well will also be another improvement as in case of fire the stone crumbles.

CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

The central fire station in Middle street is presenting a very attractive appearance at the present time. It was badly in need of repairs but the painters, plasterers, kalsominers and carpenters have spared no pains in making it look as good as new. The carpenters repaired all the damage done to the doors and windows caused by the fire across the street, and the plasterers have touched up the ceilings and walls, while the painters have touched up all of the woodwork.

Chief Hosmer wanted an appropriation of $2,000 for the work in order to repair the stalls, which are in bad condition, but as the committee saw fit to cut $500 off the appropriation, the stalls will have to remain in the condition they are at the present time.

Contractor Arthur Rabeour has plenty of work on his hands, though he has completed a good deal of the big work and is now engaged in making alterations and repairs. The Dempsey building at the corner of Second and Bridge streets is completed and ready for occupancy and he has just finished altering the front of Bean's paint store in Bridge street. Mr. Rabeour is now changing over the front of the store occupied by Morrow Bros. at 13 Lakeview avenue, this being part of the J. M. G. Parker estate. After the work on the ground floor is completed numerous alterations will be made throughout the building.

Joseph R. Beharrell is building a mammoth piazza on the residence of J. H. Guillet at 260 Wentworth avenue.

T. Costello & Co., plumbers, have the contract for the plumbing of the Y. W. C. A. building on John street, the Anna Jacques hospital in Newburyport, a palatial residence in Malden and a large apartment house in Newton. The plumbing of the Y. W. C. A. building will consist of needle and shower baths, Geyestrom douches, numerous bath tubs, lavatories, water closets, hot and cold water. All of the plumbing will be open work and the exposed parts will be nickle plated. The floors and walls will be of cement covered with slate, making these apartments waterproof. There will be a huge electric fan in the shower bath room in order to keep an even temperature, this being an important feature in connection with the baths.

Every place formerly occupied as a liquor saloon is now a scene of bustle and bustle as many improvements, some of them being on a very extensive scale, are being made preparatory to the opening of the saloons on the second of May. The carpenters are busy making alterations, while the painters and plasterers are also getting a good share of the work.

J. G. Steadman is erecting a two and a half story wooden dwelling house in Burlington avenue, off Wilder street. It will have a frontage of 34 feet and a depth of 53 feet while the height will be 45 feet, with a pitch roof. It will be heated by steam and will cost about $4,500.

R. Descheneaux is altering the store front in the building at 317 Middlesex street owned by Alphonse Racicq.

Israel Greenberg is making alterations on his building at 36 Westford street. It was formerly a one and one-half story cottage with a pitch roof but when completed will be a two-story house with a flat roof and a store on the ground floor. The estimated cost of the alterations is $1,000.

Many smaller alterations in buildings are being made throughout the city, and a large number of houses are being repainted.

Mary E. Sprague will soon have built a palatial residence at the corner of Sherman and Nesmith streets. The building permit was taken out at the office of the superintendent of buildings in city hall yesterday, and work will be commenced as soon as the frost is out of the ground. The estimated cost of the building will be $9,500. Whittet and McDonald have the contract for erecting the building. The building will have a frontage of 41½ feet and will run back 50 feet, and the height will be 30 feet, with a pitch roof. The front of the building will be set back a distance of 17 feet from the street. It will be modern in every detail, steam heat, open plumbing and will be 2½ stories high.

G. H. Davis is building a cottage at the corner of Waterford and Oxford street in Pawtucketville. The cellar has been completed and work on the building will be started at once. It will consist of six rooms with an ell and will be one and one-half stories high, with a pitch roof. The frontage will be twenty feet while the rear will be sixteen with a depth of 28 feet, and the height will be 14 feet. It will have furnace heat.

Work on the Polish Catholic church in High street is being pushed ahead rapidly. H. S. and E. A. Clark of South Boston are the contractors and they have sub-let the foundation work and stone work to William H. Fuller and the brick work will be done by Patrick Conlon. Contractor Fuller has the excavation well under way and several carloads of lumber have been dumped on the land ready for the carpenters to start work just as soon as the foundation is finished.

Welch Bros. are installing a Winchester boiler in the residence of Mr. Dix in Eleventh street.

Plumbing alterations are being made at the residence of Mr. Osterman in Tewksbury by Welch Bros. A Winchester steam boiler is being installed.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 1904.

Chas. R. and May J. Preston to William Fletcher, land with buildings on Cosgrove street, $1.

Edward H. Morse to Royal L. Hamlin, land with buildings on Bertha street, $1.

Ethan A. Smith to Harvey B. Greene, land on Marlborough street, $1.

Philomine Patenaude to Joseph and Alvine Patenaude, land with buildings on Lilley avenue, $1.

Charles W. Needham to Mary J. Burns, land on Inland street, $1.

John B. Pilling to Chas. E. Gould, land on Laurel street, $1.

Grace Fisher to Benjamin Sharp, land with buildings on Hazelton street, $1.

TEWKSBURY.

Sarah L. Livingston to B. W. Burtt, land on Bowers street, $1.

Louis Monroe to Hiram Whitney, land with buildings in South Lowell, $1.

BILLERICA.

John E. Rowell, etal., trustees, to Warren H. Manning, the Lochade Manning estate, North Billerica, $1800.

Warren H. Manning to Manning Association, land on road at Chelmsford, $1.

Frank A. and Mary A. Treffy to John Brown, land on road to Chelmsford, $1.

WESTFORD.

Francis A. Prescott, etal., to Oscar R. Spalding, land on the Groton road, $1.

Charles F. M. Fish to Oscar R. Spalding, land on road to Carlisle, $1.

ON THE ALLEYS

BELMONTS TOO MUCH FOR THE RAMBLERS.

In the contest in the Recreation league tournament last night between the Belmonts and the Ramblers the former won by a score of 1295 to 1228. The winners made the highest team score of the tournament and played a most excellent game. Butterfield was high total man and McDonald high single. For the Ramblers McGrail was high total and Simpson high single.

The score:

BELMONTS.

	1	2	3	Total
Richardson	81	72	95	248
McDonald	81	81	111	273
Butterfield	89	101	95	285
Stearns	83	83	75	241
Hall	80	81	79	242
Totals	490	420	455	1295

RAMBLERS.

Simpson	91	79	75	245
Marsden	83	74	85	242
Higby	90	87	70	247
Moran	82	78	76	236
McGrail	87	81	90	258
Totals	433	393	402	1228

BASE BALL

The new season tickets for the coming season are out and that's a sure sign of spring.

Manager Lake has been out at the ball grounds daily for the past few days superintending the removal of the ice and snow from the grounds. He intends to get right to work on the park as soon as the ice is removed and have it levelled and the outfield improved.

FOUR WEEKS AWAY.

If the prepared schedule of the New England league holds good, the base ball season is but four weeks away. Smith's men will report April 1 for training, while the men of almost every team in the league will report thereabouts. One thing that is stumping the managers of the clubs is the present condition of the grounds.

The four feet of snow which appeared there but a short time ago was turned to good solid ice during the first February thaw, and now it seems impossible for the weather conditions to take it away before the date set for the opening of the season. Most of the other fields on the circuit are in the same condition. —Manchester News.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

The directors of the Manchester baseball association met last evening in the office of William C. Clarke. During the meeting it was voted to issue the season tickets, books of 25 admissions each, to sell for $5 each. These books will be issued as soon as they can be printed. It was also proposed to make several changes in the main grandstand, and a committee consisting of John Smith, William Freeman and James E. MacDonald was appointed to make arrangements for the alterations. The proposed plan is to do away entirely with the stairs at the rear of the stand and to install an entrance at both ends. Other changes are contemplated and it is proposed to give the stand a coating of paint.

Manager Smith paid a visit to the park yesterday and viewed its conditions. To-day a gang of men were put to work clearing the diamond of snow and ice and putting it into shape for the players, who will begin practice within a few weeks. John Holland has been reappointed caretaker of the grounds.

THE
EASTER NUMBER
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New York Herald
Will Be Published
SUNDAY, MARCH 27
THREE FINE COLOR SECTIONS, INCLUDING FULL PAGES IN COLORS
"The Bells," by Edwin Bashfield
"Springtime," by J. Campbell Phillips
"The Honeymoon," by Fred Morgan
"The Fair Decorator," by Hamilton King
AND EXQUISITE ENGRAVINGS IN TINT, FROM THE MODERN MASTERS, OF THE LIFE AND PASSION OF OUR LORD
Stories by Hamlin Garland and Myra Kelly, Articles by Bishop Henry C. Potter and the Rev. John Talbot Smith
[illegible] a Score of Novel Easter Features and Easter Music and All the News.

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CAUSE OF TROUBLE

BLACK TRADER REPORTS ATTACKS IN GERMAN CAMERRONS.

BERLIN, March 25.—Letters from the German Camerrons, Equatorial West Africa, describe the beginning of the troubles with the natives there as reported by a black trader named Bonaventura. This trader says that an expedition under Count Von Pueckler, the German government's district commissioner, and a wholesale trader named Kuester, marched on January 15 to Bascho via Abont and were received everywhere in a friendly manner. Gifts were interchanged and the expedition proceeded to Baliseahma, which was found deserted. The expedition therefore started back, but soon after leaving Baliseahama it was attacked and two soldiers and several natives fell. A retreat was ordered because of a lack of ammunition.

Shortly after passing Bascho the expedition was again attacked and Count Von Pueckler was wounded in the right eye and breast. While crossing the river the count called for a gun with the intention of shooting himself. He was refused, but died from his previous wounds.

A soldier was also killed in the second attack and the remainder of the expedition fled to Abont, where Kuester was killed.

The revolt rapidly spread to the southwest, and Chiefs Arsan, Assam and Gadjifu advanced to Dalbe, where they were killed by a merchant named Schoff.

Bonaventura was sent on horseback to Inhabon to give the alarm.

It was announced in a despatch from Berlin March 2 that the rising of native troops in the Cross and Neausenang rivers regions of the German Camerrons, resulting in several factories of the northwest Camerron company being burned down and in four Germans being killed, was caused by the eccentric conduct of Count Von Pueckler and was directly due to the theft of a lantern from the northwest Camerron company.

Herr Schoeller, president of the company, received in last December a long letter from Count Von Pueckler regarding the stolen lantern which concluded with the assertion that he intended to make the property of white men respected by burning 5 villages. Herr Schoeller protested to the count against his language and his proposed action, but his letter arrived too late. Count Von Pueckler with 25 men tried to arrest the headman of one of the villages but the count according to this despatch, was killed and his escort with difficulty escaped.

It appeared from information subsequently received by Herr Schoeller that the count had recently given way to fits of fury against the negroes, which were attributed to the state of his health as a result of his long residence in the hot climate of equatorial West Africa.

KILLED HIMSELF

MURDERER COMMITTED SUICIDE IN HIS CELL.

TUSKOGEE, Ala., March 25.—Ralph Armstrong, under sentence of death for murder of his cousin, Alice Armstrong, committed suicide in his cell here yesterday. He killed the young woman because she refused to marry him. Armstrong was a son of the late H. Clay Armstrong, consul to Rio Janeiro under President Cleveland.

BILLY MELLODY

GOT THE DECISION OVER PATSY SWEENEY.

PORTLAND, Me., March 25.—In one of the hardest-fought ring battles seen in this city for many years, Billy Mellody of Charlestown, Mass., forced Patsy Sweeney of Manchester, N. H., to take the count in the ninth round of what was to have been a 10-round fight at the auditorium last night.

Sweeney fought under distressing conditions from the first round, when he broke his thumb. His plucky endurance was remarkable.

SERVICE FOR DEAF MUTES.

The Rev. S. Stanley Searing, the diocesan missionary, will hold a service for deaf mutes in the sign language in St. John's church, Gorham street, next Sunday at 2.30 p. m.

FASHIONABLE MILLINERY.

Leighton & Foss, at 104 Merrimack street, do not make any attempt at a window display, but if a person is anxious to know where they can get fashionable and up-to-date millinery, they certainly will make no mistake by calling at their parlors. These ladies employ none but expert milliners, and their knowledge of the millinery art is about as near perfection as it is possible to acquire. Every hat or bonnet coming from their establishment looks chic and stylish and never fails to please the purchaser. The opening will take place today and tomorrow, and all their friends and patrons and the public generally are cordially invited to inspect their parlors, where the latest creations in millinery can be seen.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 25—A despatch from Norfolk, Neb., says the town was dark at noon yesterday from smoke which came from fresh prairie fires west of there. Many houses and barns near Atkinson were destroyed. A blaze from Simmons ran thirty miles. The fire which threatened Newport is headed for the town of Amelia, which it is believed will be destroyed.

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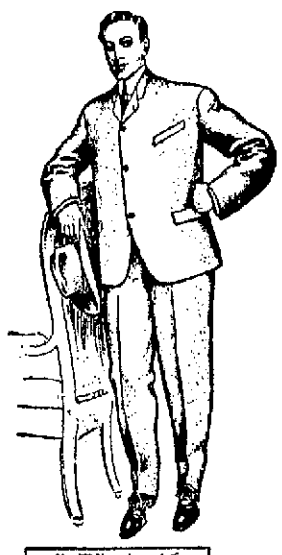
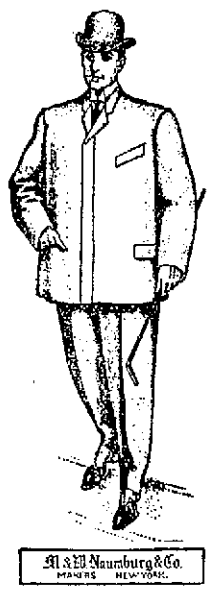


COME TO US LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
The most brilliant Easter and Spring showing and at not exorbitant prices either. We want your trade and we are bound to have it.
Men's Suits for business or dress wear at $7.50, $10, $12, $15 and $18 that positively cannot be duplicated. Styles and patterns that cannot be found elsewhere. The largest stock in the city to select from. Many of our suits, both ladies' and men's, made in our store during the dull season—goods which are superior to all ready made garments and equal to the very finest custom made and at far less price than any other merchants ask for inferior merchandise. All we ask that you come in and look. The goods will do the rest. The sole agency in Lowell for the M. and W. Naumburg & Co.'s clothing. Remember we have the most complete line of Children's Clothing to be found.
Children's Russian Blouse Suits, in all the fancy cloths, at
$2.50, $3, $3.50, $4 and $4.50
The new patterns in Boys' Norfolk Suits at
$1.50, $2, $2.50, $3, $3.50, $4, $4.50 and $5
We can fit the largest as well as the smallest.

Special Easter Shoe Sale!
One glance at the following prices will convince you that we can and do undersell any other shoe dealer in New England.
One lot of Men's $2.50 and $3 Patent Colt, Russia Calf and Enamel Shoes, in all the latest styles, at $1.98
One lot of Men's $2 and $2.50 Calf Shoes, enamel and vici leathers, every pair warranted at $1.49
250 pairs of Boys' Shoes, sizes 9 to 13, for 65c
365 pairs of Boys' Shoes, worth $1.25 and $1.50, warranted by the manufacturers at 98c
Another lot of Boys' School Shoes, sizes 2 to 5 1-2, at 98c


250 pairs of Women's Shoes in all the latest styles, real value $2.50 and $3, for Easter sale $1.98
One lot of Women's $2 Shoes, sale price $1.19
300 pairs of Men's Shoes at 98c
We will mark at a special price till Easter, one lot of Men's Oxfords, in all the new styles, worth $2 and $2.50, at $1.49
One lot of Misses' Shoes, all sizes, at 98c

IF You Need Shoes the Place to Buy Them is at
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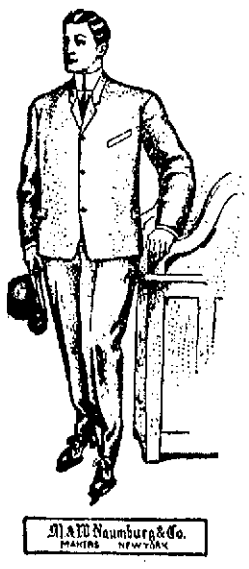


Council of Elder Statesmen, the "Big Four" of Japan

THE recent departure of Marquis Ito on a special mission to Korea, although at present he holds no official position in the Japanese government except the rather anomalous one of head of the "council of elder statesmen," serves to call attention to this unique body, which is the only one of its kind on earth. It is made all the more interesting because of the many more or less mystifying references to it in the news dispatches of the past few weeks. It has been called into frequent conference by the mikado and has even seemed to eclipse the cabinet as the real governing body of the nation.

Although the council of elder statesmen of Japan is official, it is only advisory and is without power so far as final action on any proposition is concerned. It simply gives the emperor the benefit of the counsel of the great statesmen who made modern Japan. This sort of body in western parlance would be called a "kitchen cabinet." Because of the distinguished men who compose it the Japs would probably consider such an appellation disrespectful. At any rate the arrangement solves the question of what to do with the ex-premiers, a problem that with other nations is sometimes vexing enough. Yet it is doubtful if the Japanese plan would work in most countries. It is as though the United States should make an advisory council of her ex-presidents.

At present the council of elder statesmen consists of four members—Marquis Ito, the president; Count Inouye, Count Matsukata, and Marquis Yamagata. It is doubtful if four men could have been chosen who have played a greater part in the evolution of Japan or who together could give more valuable advice in the present crisis. Each supplements the others, each is strong in some one direction or in some especial department of government. Ito is the wise, tactful, conservative master of statecraft; Inouye, the more resolute and more radical man of affairs; Matsukata, the great finance minister, and Yamagata, the fighter and military tactician.

The genro, which is the Jap name for the council of elder statesmen, was provided for under the new constitution and was to be composed of those who had become especially famous in war, finance, diplomacy and statesmanship. It was formerly a more numerous body than at present, but death has thinned its ranks. Membership in it is for life. The emperor only calls it into conference in great crises. Now, advising the mikado is not a light matter. In the old days to counsel him unwisely was a crime that was severely punished. It is related that Duke Yamagata, a brother of the present marquis, once advised the emperor on a warlike step against Korea. The other statesmen deemed such a move inexpedient at that time. In other words, the advice the duke had given was pronounced bad, and as a consequence he suffered several years' imprisonment and never again was given any voice in the government of Japan. This law has since been repealed, but the spirit that prompted it doubtless yet lives.

It is safe to say that none of the members of the genro needs the check of this salutary provision. That is the reason they are members.

Of the four the greatest and by all odds the best known is Hirobumi Ito, the maker of modern Japan. He was born in the province of Choshiu in 1840. He came from the samurai and was by nature a conservative. It seems strange in the light of his subsequent career that it was his violent opposition to the introduction of western ideas into Japan that got him into difficulties at home and caused him to run away. He went to England, saw a new world and was converted. Returning to his own country, he became the leader in its modernization. First, he won the ear of the emperor and convinced him that the Land of the Rising Sun could never become a great nation until she embraced western civilization. Then Ito helped overthrow the shogun and was one of the principal factors in placing the emperor on the throne. This was in 1868, but the young reformer by very force of character came to the forefront, and there he has remained. He became premier and the trusted adviser of the mikado. He drafted the new constitution and was its chief advocate until it was adopted. He was at the head of affairs in putting down the famous Satsuma rebellion. Tactful, shrewd, knowing just how fast he could go and not alienate the people, he moved steadily toward the goal he had in view—the transformation of his country into one of the enlightened and therefore one of the powerful nations of the world. Restraining the more ardent reformers, diplomatic and gentle of speech, he succeeded in winning to himself a personal following that held him in power even when the majority of the parliament, or diet, as it was called, opposed his views. He was in power at the time of the Chino-Japanese war and had much to do in bringing about the brilliant result of that struggle. But in the succeeding negotiations, when Russia and two other powers combined to wrest from Japan the fruits of her victory, Ito suffered from the resentment his people felt, though he was in no sense to blame. They thought him too conciliatory, however, and he went out of power. Later he came back to the premiership for a short time, but finally retired two or three years ago. It must not be understood, by the way, that he was constantly premier even prior to the Chino-Japanese war. There were breaks, for these were stormy times, but through all the ups and downs Ito was the giant figure.

In personal appearance this greatest of oriental statesmen is rather tall for a Jap, with a chunky body and strong physique and, what is rare in the far east, an adult beard. His face is seamed and rugged, and the two predominant characteristics are kindliness and shrewdness.

The story of Kaoru Inouye is so interwoven with that of Ito that the two should be told together. The men are of almost the same age, were born in the same province and have been the warmest friends from boyhood. Inouye was always more fiery and aggressive and so as a young man was more violent in his antiforeign proclivities. It was he that led the attack on the English, American and Dutch consulates in which these buildings were destroyed. Soon after both Inouye and Ito were proscribed by the government, and it was this which caused them to run away from their country. Though of noble birth, they became common sailors on an English ship and landed in London with only $2 between them. One of the dollars was tossed up to see who should go for bread, and the choice fell on Inouye. Repairing to a bakery, he laid down the dollar, grabbed a loaf of bread and fled before change could be offered him. Having eaten, they went in search of friends, after which they set to work to gain an English education. This was cut short, however, by their hearing of fighting between their home province of Choshiu and the foreign fleets, and, being by this time converted to western ideas, they hastened home to advise their countrymen of the folly of fighting the great occidental powers.

Inouye now became as ardent an advocate of modernizing his country as he had before been a hater of things alien. So eager did he grow as a reform advocate that he often endangered his life. At one time he was waylaid, attacked with knives and left for dead in the snow. Being revived by the cold, he dragged himself homeward, where he begged his mother for his sword that he might commit harakari, the Japanese form of suicide, as he considered the fact that he had been attacked an insult and a disgrace. His voice was so weak, however, that his mother did not understand him, and instead she wrapped him in cotton and nursed him back to life. It was at this time that one of the prettiest incidents in the life of Ito occurred. He was attacked like his friend, but succeeded in escaping after killing one of his would be assassins. He fled to the home of a geisha girl whom he loved, and she hid him under the floor and saved his life, refusing to disclose his whereabouts even when dragged about the room by the hair. For this the coming premier married her.

So close was the friendship between Ito and Inouye that the former on more than one occasion refused to take the premiership unless his more extreme and radical associate might be with him in the cabinet. This friendship Inouye fully returned, although often impatient with what he considered the too conservative and conciliatory policy of his chief. The two were known as the reform statesmen of Japan.

Count Inouye was frequently the minister of foreign affairs, at other times was finance minister and on one occasion, about sixteen years ago, held the portfolio of education. He was also minister to Berlin, a position that his son now holds.

As long ago as 1875 Japan was casting slant eyes at Korea, and in that year Inouye was sent on a special mission to that then Chinese dependency. It was at a crucial time in the history of the Land of the Morning Calm, and the service rendered by the Japanese statesman gave him the friendship of the men at the head of Korean affairs. It was for this reason that several years later, when the Japanese were accused of murdering the Korean queen, Inouye was again sent on a special mission to Seoul and succeeded in preventing an open rupture between the two countries.

Inouye is of the reformer type, resolute and outspoken, and stands second only to Ito as the author of the new order in Japan.

Count Masayoshi Matsukata is the son of a military retainer of the Satsuma clan and was born in 1835. Like the other members of the genro, he took part in the revolution of 1868 that overthrew the shogun and placed the present emperor securely on the throne. He was at various times finance minister, holding the office in all about fourteen years, and twice was premier.

Perhaps Matsukata's most noteworthy accomplishment was in 1877, at the time of the disastrous Satsuma rebellion. He found the country flooded with a vast amount of inconvertible paper currency, which he redeemed and brought to par, an accomplishment that the Japanese believe made their phenomenal industrial and economic development possible. Among his other achievements are the land tax reform, the organization and centralization of the fiscal administration, the establishment of a modern banking system and the founding of an industrial bank. He also managed the monetary affairs of the empire through the Chino-Japanese war, floated a $50,000,000 loan in London and brought the currency again to a stable basis at the end of the conflict. He had the boldness to try all financial systems and select what seemed most practical. He is the author of a fiscal paper that has become an authority in western nations. Moreover, he told the people of Japan bluntly that they were not sufficiently provident and quoted the statistics of individual savings in foreign nations to prove his statement. He is a man of great moral courage and firmness.

Marquis Yoritomo Yamagata, like Ito and Inouye, comes from Choshiu. He is about sixty-six years of age, is known as "the little gray man" and is the military hero of Japan. As a mere stripling of twenty he defeated 20,000 men with 2,000 when a shogunate army sought to invade his province. He was second in command in the revolution that overthrew the shogun in 1868, the event that marked the beginning of the new regime in the Flowery Kingdom. He preceded even Ito as premier, an office which he has held frequently since. He has also been minister of war in various cabinets and has had more to do perhaps than any other man with the evolution of the Japanese army. An event that shows his devotion to his country has a touch of the pathetic. It relates to the plan of Duke Yamagata, his brother, to invade Korea, to which reference has already been made. This the marquis did not hesitate to oppose, though it meant his brother's downfall and imprisonment.

Another important service rendered his country was during the Satsuma rebellion of 1877, led by his old friend, Saigo. Yamagata was one of the chief commanders on the side of the government and finally brought the rebellion to a close by a personal appeal to Saigo.

The event that made Yoritomo Yamagata the popular idol of Japan, however, was his brilliant victory over the Chinese at the memorable battle of Pingyang during the Chino-Japanese war. After the close of the war he retired from active service in the army, but retained his title of field marshal.

Yamagata was a great admirer of General Grant, whom he assisted in entertaining when the American chieftain visited Japan on his way around the world. Years later when the Jap warrior passed through New York on his way as special ambassador to the coronation of the czar the first point he expressed a desire to visit was Grant's tomb in Riverside park. This was his third visit to the United States, for which country he has always expressed the warmest affection.

These are the "big four" who more than any other men, living or dead, have contributed to the making of modern Japan. It is peculiarly fitting that they should be set aside in a body of advisers to the emperor whom they placed upon the throne and whom they have served so long and so faithfully.

J. A. EDGERTON.

THE MEN BEHIND THE THRONE.

The Red Cross Service In the Russo-Japanese War

THERE is one universal banner recognized by all the nations of the earth. It consists of a crimson cross upon a field of snow. It floats side by side with every flag, is respected by people of every race and creed, has the right of way into every military camp and receives from every soldier homage second only to that rendered the standard under which he fights. Yet it is a badge without political significance, a symbol of mercy and not of murder, an ensign of peace. Those enlisted under it are soldiers of life instead of of death; they come not to maim and destroy, but to help and to heal. Thus every army carries an organized rebuke of its own bloodthirsty purpose; every war engenders an agency that prophesies the end of war.

No institution of this age is more enshrined in the hearts of all men than the Red Cross. It attends alike the American and his Spanish foe, Briton and Boer, Turk and Bulgar, Slav and Jap. In fact, its work has never been more thoroughly organized than in the present war in the far east. The czar himself is the head of it in Russia, and a prince royal is its president in the Land of the Rising Sun.

The presence of the Red Cross in a Russian war is not a new thing. It was in evidence in the struggle with Turkey in 1878. The Mussulman also employed it, but asked that he might change the emblem to a crescent. This the czar's government agreed to, provided the Turk would respect the badge worn by the Russian agents of the society. The porte assented, and the arrangement was accordingly made.

It was in an earlier war with Russia—that of the Crimea—that the idea really had its birth, though in this case it was among the foes of the great bear. The British minister of war saw the need of some organized effort to care for the sick and wounded. He asked Florence Nightingale, then a nurse in a London hospital, to undertake the work, and the efficient manner in which she and her attendant angels of mercy carried out the mission not only alleviated the sufferings of thousands of soldiers in the Crimea, but made the name of Florence Nightingale immortal. The general and organic plan did not take form till some years later, however. A citizen of Switzerland of the name of Henry Dunant was traveling in Italy in 1859 and witnessed the battle of Solferino. He helped to care for the wounded and was deeply impressed by the lack of hospital facilities. He had read of the work of Florence Nightingale and decided to publish a book describing the horrors of Solferino and to advocate a plan for the care of the victims of future wars. This he did shortly after, and the book created a sensation, being translated into several languages. M. Dunant succeeded in interesting Gustav Moynier, president of the Society of Public Utility of Switzerland, and several eminent physicians in his plan, and the upshot was the calling of the famous Geneva convention of August, 1864, which provided for the Red Cross. Sixteen nations signed the Geneva articles of agreement, which number has since increased to forty-three, including practically every important civilized power on earth. In honor to Switzerland, the badge adopted was modeled on her national flag, which is a cross of white on a field of crimson. The reverse, a cross of red on a field of white, was made the emblem, and likewise the name of the Red Cross. As a further recognition of the Swiss republic, its tribunal has always been considered the central body through which all appeals pass, and the head of that body, the same Gustav Moynier before mentioned, is by courtesy considered the international head of the entire service.

Russia was not one of the nations to participate in the Geneva convention and did not sign the agreement till some years later. It can be said to her credit, however, that a few years ago her empress dowager bestowed a pension on M. Dunant, then old and in poverty. It can also be said for Russia that it was at The Hague peace convention, called by the present czar, that necessary amendments were made to the Geneva agreement, and the work of the Red Cross was extended to the navies of the world. It may be remarked in passing that America was not one of the original signatory powers either, but it was through Clara Barton, the head of the American society in after years, that the victims of natural calamities, such as earthquakes and floods, were added as subjects of Red Cross work. Incidentally, Russia was also concerned in this, but as a recipient. At the time of the great Russian famine Miss Barton, under this very provision, organized a mission of mercy that gained the undying gratitude of the Slav empire.

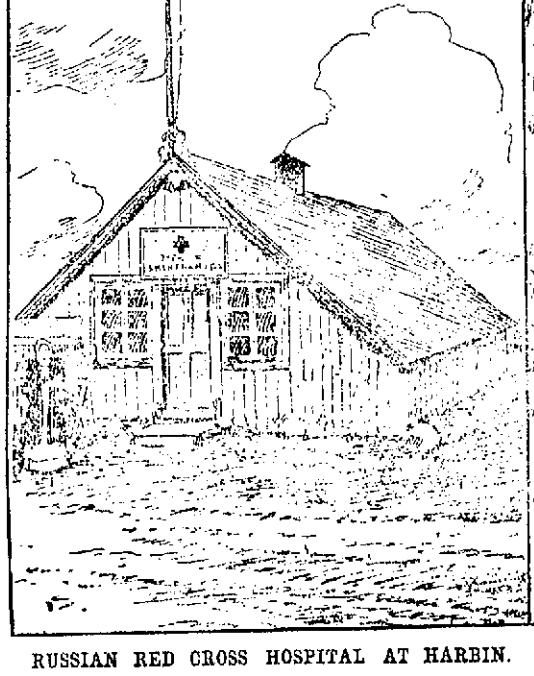
In the present war the Russian plans for Red Cross work are very extensive. At a recent meeting in St. Petersburg it was reported that 30,000 beds, $700,000 worth of bread and $20,000 worth of meat had been prepared for shipment. The funds available for the work at that time were $3,000,000, and it was planned to spend $4,000,000 during the first six months of the war. Count Orloff Davidkoff has given $500,000 for hospital and medical use at the front, of this amount $200,000 is to be devoted to the establishment of a school for children made orphans by the war. Russia's Red Cross society is said to be the richest in the world. The czarina is giving every encouragement to the work, and the czar's sister has volunteered to go to the front and assist in the actual nursing of the sick and wounded.

In this humanitarian service Japan is not one whit behind her bigger adversary. The Red Cross society in the Land of the Rising Sun was founded in 1877 to care for the victims of the rebellion in the southwest provinces. It was then called the Hakuaisha, "the society of benevolence." At the end of the rebellion the organization was made permanent to provide for other wars in future. In 1886 the government became signatory to the Geneva articles of agreement, and the association adopted the name of the Red Cross Society of Japan, its scope of work was enlarged and rules were adopted for its permanent government. In the Chino-Japanese war the service was still further developed, and the hospital department of the mikado's army received praise from all witnesses of that conflict. By order of Count Oyama, the minister of war, the usages of civilized warfare were followed, with the one notable exception of the massacre at Port Arthur, which was deeply deplored by the Tokyo government.

Since 1895 the growth of the Red Cross in Japan has kept pace with her wonderful military and naval evolution in other lines. There are now over 300,000 members in the empire, and the annual conventions are patriotic events of great national importance, the attendance frequently reaching 200,000. The imperial family takes an active interest in the organization, one of the royal princes being its president. Nurses are trained in an imperial hospital founded for the purpose. The two leading medical men of the empire, Barons Ishiguro and Hashimoto, are active spirits. National headquarters are established in Tokyo, where a number of modern and commodious buildings are set aside for the purpose. A large corps of surgeons has been especially trained for the service in addition to the thousands of nurses. All the up to date medical appliances have been provided in liberal quantities, and in addition each private soldier is required to carry a kit of first aids to the wounded and is instructed as to its use. The Red Cross service is under military discipline and is thoroughly drilled, each nurse being given a three years' course before going into the field. From this it is seen that the little island kingdom is fully prepared to care for the victims of the present war.

Notwithstanding this fact, however, she gladly accepted the tender of services of a noble American Red Cross worker, Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee of Philadelphia, president of the Society of Spanish-American War Nurses, who recently started for Tokyo with a large corps of trained assistants. This action on the part of Dr. McGee serves to call attention anew to the universal character and the unselfish spirit of the Red Cross work.

JAMES L. TREVATHAN.



RUSSIAN RED CROSS HOSPITAL AT HARBIN.

A GROUP OF JAPANESE RED CROSS NURSES.

INTENT TO KILL

Sheriff Had No Right to Shoot Sanborn

Edgar Sanborn, the crazy man who escaped from two New Jersey officers in East Billerica, last Monday night, has already furnished enough matter from which to evolve a comic opera, and the end is not yet. Three possibilities are in view--the arrest of Deputy Sheriff Fleetwood of New Jersey on a charge of assault with intent to kill; an attempt of the New Jersey officers to recover possession of Sanborn by means of a requisition, and the escape of Sanborn from being tried on any of the criminal charges to which he has confessed, by being returned to the Worcester Insane hospital, whence he escaped last June.

The case has caused a great deal of comment in police circles, and the almost unanimous opinion is that the New Jersey officers exceeded their authority in bringing Sanborn into the state a prisoner. In this state they have no standing as officers of the law, and, even if their purpose was, as they claim it was, to recover property which he had stolen, they should have invited the co-operation of Massachusetts officers in order to legally retain custody of their prisoner.

Having him in this state, a prisoner, they could not legally have taken him out of it again, as they admit they intended to do, without going through certain forms of law. These forms they apparently did not consider.

But most significant of all was the act of Deputy Sheriff Fleetwood in shooting Sanborn when the latter broke away from him and started to run through the woods. High legal authority has been consulted by Chief Shaw of the state police and the opinion has been given that this act was without justification in law. It is intimated that the officer, having no legal standing in this state, by so shooting is amenable to a charge of assault with intent to kill, and it is more than likely that the matter will be presented for the consideration of the next Middlesex grand jury.

If the governer of New Jersey should issue a requisition asking for the surrender of Sanborn, on the ground that he has been tried and is awaiting sentence on a charge of burglary in that state, there will be a contest on the ground that Sanborn was at large in this state and that the charge on which he was arrested when he was sent to the Worcester Insane asylum antedates the New Jersey charge.

Before the law, by virtue of that disposition of the charge of setting fire to the railroad station at Auburn, Sanborn is still insane and it is a question whether, such being the fact, he will not have to be returned to the asylum without being tried on any of the burglary charges which have developed as a result of his arrest, because, being insane, he cannot be held legally responsible for his acts.

Sanborn is confined in the East Cambridge jail to await the hearing in Lowell on the charge of breaking and entering the Talbot and Holden residences in Billerica. This hearing is set down for March 29.

ABOUT SANBORN

HE CONFESSED TO OFFICERS THAT HE FEIGNS INSANITY.

All the alienists from here to Jericho may adjudge Edgar F. Sanborn insane but they will never succeed in influencing Chief Conway of Billerica and the Lowell police who had to do with the hunt for Sanborn to that belief. They belief the man is sane and that the facial contortions he indulges in are made for the occasion.

He admitted to Captain Kew and Officer Conway that he had made a study at feigning insanity. "I have it down so fine," he said, "that I can fool the experts as well as the officers."

WELCH BROTHERS

GRAND OPENING OF THEIR NEW PLUMBING QUARTERS.

The formal opening of Welch Bros.' new plumbing, steam and gas fitting and fixture rooms, at 61 and 63 Middle street, is taking place today, and today and tomorrow the public is invited to inspect the new quarters of this firm. The workmanship of the members and employes of this firm is of such high character and so well known to the people of this city that it is needless to go into detail on this point. The firm is able to do any work from the inserting of a gas tip to the complete plumbing, steam and gas fitting of the largest buildings in the country. None but expert workmen are employed and the equipment of the Middle street establishment is on a par with any place of its kind in New England.

This afternoon long streams of people were inspecting the new quarters, and they were highly pleased with what they saw. The front room at 63 Middle street is known as the plumbing show room and there is a fine array of bath tubs, wash stands, water closets, and Winchester boilers, one of the hot water style, while the other is of steam. Kitchen sinks and porcelain set tubs are also displayed in prominent places. One of the new departures in the water closet line is what is known as a low down tank which is the latest improvement in this line. Along the walls are various necessaries in the bath room such as soap stands, tooth brush holders, comb and brush racks, paper racks, glass shelves and cigar holders.

In the mammoth window is displayed an Empress porcelain bath tub of the latest pattern together with shower baths and solid porcelain ware. The floor and side wall of the window are done in fancy tiling such as used in bath rooms.

The fixture room is a marvel of beauty, the walls being decorated with maroon and green burlap, set off by pure white mouldings. The floor is of hard wood covered with a rich art square. In this room is a splendid array of chandeliers, for room, hall and driveways. Parlor and reading lamps of every description and side lights of various kinds are prominent. One of the features of this room is what is known as a globe bar where the different styles of globes are displayed by the use of electricity. Everything pertaining to lighting is included in this cosy room.

Among the other rooms which will interest the public are the tool room, fitting room, stock room, plumbing cellar and steam cellar. In the office window is a fine display of steam fittings. Columns of space could be devoted to a description of the place, but it will suffice to say that the departments and arrangements make the store very convenient.

The firm consists of Richard J. and John F. Welch, who started the partnership four years ago, the first of March, in a store in the Fellows building in Middle street, but which was destroyed by fire in January of this year. In order to realize the variety of stock and the fine equipment the public should inspect the store either today or tomorrow.

LANDLORDS.

If you have a tenement idle that rents for $15 a month, you are losing 50 cents a day every day it is vacant. A little ad. in The Sun "To Let" column will rent your tenement in a very few days. Others have tried it with good results; why don't you try it?

WATER DRINKING

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SMALLEST CONSUMPTION FOR A DECADE

Recorded During the Year Just Closed

The smallest amount of water consumed in any one of the past 15 years was consumed in the year just past, the average daily consumption being 5,256,823 gallons, the smallest since 1889.

The total quantity pumped last year was 2,000,036,162 gallons, "which continued to maintain its high standard of purity."

These figures and the accompanying comment are found in the annual report of the water board just at hand.

The water department's expenses for the year were $200,232.47 as against total receipts of $196,127.20 and the department balance was reduced to $3059.92. The coal bill for the year was $43,824.68 as against $18,516.60 the previous year.

The total debt of the department is $1,183,900. The sinking fund for bonds, however, amounts to $317,335.14 for the water works loan and $56,170.80 for the high service. The last payment on the second driven well loan will be made this year, saving the department an expense of $5000 annually.

TOOK THE KEYS

House Thieves Not Satisfied With Jewelry

They do tell that even in a thief a spark of honor is sometimes found, but the thief or thieves who visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Bruley at 98 Pine street a few nights ago, were not burdened with honor.

After taking what jewelry they could find and failing to connect with ready money, they took the keys from all the doors, including cupboard doors, and emptied the contents of bureau drawers and trunks about the floor. The fact tht two gold chains and other articles of jewelry were found on the stairs gave the impression that the men were interrupted in their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruley returned home about 10 o'clock Monday night and found the doors of their own home locked against them. The doors were fastened from the inside and it is supposed that the thieves were then at work and that they made their escape through a rear window, while Mr. Bruley was engaged in breaking down a side door. The thieves got away with several articles of jewelry prized more for the memories attached to them than for their real value.

HIS ARM BROKEN

MAN SWAM DISTANCE OF 100 YARDS.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 25.—George H. N. Johnson, junior member of the firm of Hincks & Johnson, carriage manufacturers, fell asleep while returning to this city from New York Wednesday night and when the train reached here at 12.20 he failed to awake. While the train was pulling out of the city, however, he was aroused by the brakeman's announcement that the next stop would be New Haven, and he rushed, half dazed, out of the car to find that the train was just going over the rolling lift bridge. A jolt of the train threw him off the car platform and he landed on the ties, sustaining a compound fracture of the right arm. Then he rolled off the bridge into the harbor, and the shock of the sudden bath restored him completely to consciousness.

Swimming with his left arm for 100 yards or more, he reached the fender piling of the bridge and rested there for an hour until his cries for help were heard by the crew of a freight train which had stopped on the bridge.

How to rescue him was a puzzle to the trainmen, but Johnson had a plan. By his direction the rolling lift was opened so that the counter-weights which drop toward the water were just above his head. He was not quite able to reach the bridge even then, but by attaching a ladder to the lower part of the structure he was able to crawl to the counter-weights and on this impromptu lever was brought to safety.

He was carried to the railroad station in a freight car. When he reached there he refused to have an ambulance called, but took a cab for his home, where a physician attended him.

Mr. Johnson is 50 years old and a 33d degree Mason. Yesterday he was fairly comfortable, though pneumonia was threatened.

NORTH BILLERICA

Invitations for the Royal Arcanum ball have been sent out by Secretary Herbert S. Russell. Already about fifteen candidates have been secured for the class initiation on the sixth of next month.

Miss Martha Balmforth, instructress in the designing department at the Lowell Textile school, entertained about forty textile students at her home in Billerica avenue Wednesday evening. A fine musical and literary program was carried out.

The annual town meeting will be held Monday at the centre village. A hot contest for the different offices is promised.

MISS DELUDE'S SPRING OPENING.

Miss Delude of 111 Merrimack street has prepared for her customers a very select line of trimmed hats and bonnets, as well as many shapes and ribbons and other material used in making a hat or bonnet. Miss Delude's reputation for excellence in style and design is too well known to need any further comment. We will simply state that her display this year surpasses her previous efforts, and the ladies should not fail to pay a visit to this popular millinery establishment today or tomorrow.

It is more profitable to advertise honorably and fail in the attempt to get business, than to advertise dishonorably and succeed for a little while.

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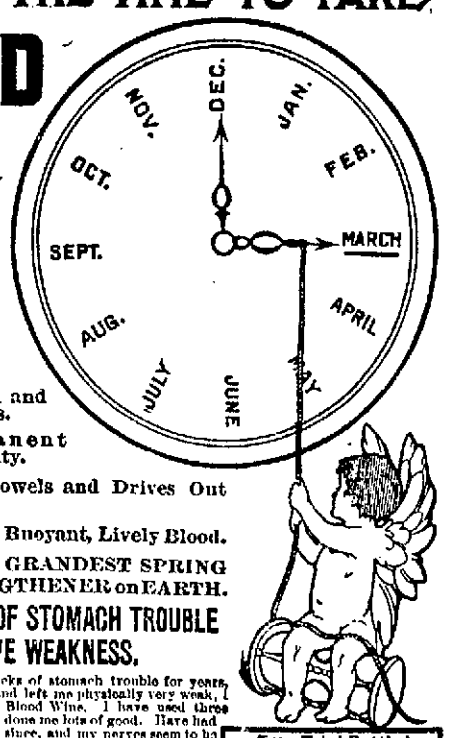

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Kuppenheimer Clothes are the only ones you can purchase which carry with them this unlimited protection.

We keep your clothes pressed Free of Charge.

The papers are full of so-called bargains that if they WERE AS ADVERTISED would make all the merchants bankrupt. For a guide to you, we will say that our prices on

Men's Suits range from.....$5.00 to $25.00
Men's Top Coats range from.....$5.00 to $20.00
Men's Rain Coats range from.....10.00 to $20.00
Boys' Two-Piece Suits range from $1.50 to $5.00
Boys' Three-Piece Suits range from.....$2.50 to $7.00
Sailor Suits (wide and narrow collars), range from.....$1.23 to $6.00
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You see the range is wide from low to high price, and we will warrant our prices. What we ask you is to see our goods before you buy, as we feel certain we have the best assortment "though we may be wrong," and if so, we want to know it. Come and tell us what YOU think. The "late things" in Shirts, Gloves, Neckwear, Hats, Shoes.

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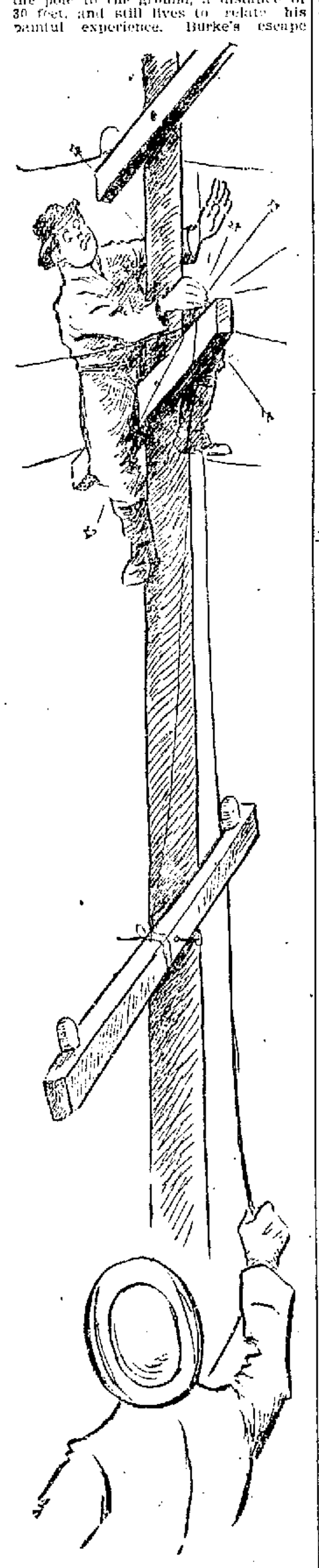
NARROW ESCAPE

Frank Burke Grasped a Live Light Wire

THROWN FROM POLE TO THE GROUND

Taken Unconscious to Hospital-Will Recover

Frank Burke, aged 26 years, residing at Laurel street and employed by the Lowell Electric Light company, while working on a pole at the junction of Pawtucket and Middlesex streets, late yesterday afternoon, received a shock from a defective insulated wire carrying 2200 volts. He was thrown from the pole to the ground, a distance of 30 feet, and still lives to relate his painful experience. Burke's escape



SHOCKED ON AN ELECTRIC LIGHT POLE.

from death was one of the narrowest that has occurred in this city for a good many years. He is now at St. John's hospital, his wounds not being of a very serious nature.

Burke had been working with a gang of linemen under the direction of Foreman P. J. McDermott, and at the time of the accident was on the cross bar of the pole working with Charles George attaching an additional cross bar. He was a few feet above the point where the new bar was to be affixed. George was on the sidewalk below and had tied the new beam to the rope, preparatory to hoisting it to its place.

In order to assist, Burke endeavored to change his position and in doing so caught hold of a wire near the glass insulator by which it is fastened. Instantly his body straightened, he lost his balance and was hurled to the ground. He was picked up unconscious and from the power house nearby a hurried summons was sent for the ambulance, which responded with admirable promptness and he was taken to St. John's hospital, where he soon regained consciousness and talked freely with the doctors as they examined him.

The only outward injury discovered was a severe burn in the palm of his right hand. No broken bones were found but Burke was placed under observation for internal injuries and it will be determined today whether or not he sustained such injuries.

The wire which Burke grasped was charged with 2200 volts, but coming through the defective insulator as it did, he received only a small portion of that voltage. It is surprising that he was not killed from the effects of the fall.

FUNERALS

DUCEY—The funeral of the late Patrick Ducey will take place tomorrow morning from his home, No. 353 Fletcher street at 9.15. Mass of requiem at St. Patrick's church at 10 o'clock.

O'BRIEN—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary A. O'Brien took place this morning at 8.30 from her late home, No. 172 Howard street and was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives. The cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church where a mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock, Rev. Fr. Heffernan officiating. The choir, under the direction of Mr. John Warburton, sang the Gregorian mass, and during the services rendered appropriate selections, Mrs. McKennedy presiding at the organ. At the grave Rev. Fr. Heffernan read the committal prayers. The bearers were Philip Ginty, Frank Danahy, Thomas Welch and George Grady. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

DEATHS

KEENAN—Patrick Keenan, an old resident of this city, died today at his home, 125 Railroad street. The deceased was a devout and constant attendant at St. Peter's church and had been ill for a long time. He leaves to mourn his loss a daughter, Sarah E., of the C. I. Hood Co., and a son, William J., a druggist in Boston.

The funeral will take place from his late home, 125 Railroad street, Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, and services will be held at St. Peter's church at three o'clock.

SPRING MILLINERY OPENING.

Don't fail to attend the opening of fine millinery at Johnson's, 314 Merrimack street, Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26.

BRO'NIES NEARLY WON.

The Highland club bowlers defeated the Brownies on the former's alleys in Princeton street last night, but they had a narrow escape from defeat. The first two strings resulted in victories by good margins for the Highland boys, but the third one was a bad one and the Brownies won it by 56 pins. The score:

HIGHLANDS.

	1	2	3	T'll
Lazelle	91	99	71	261
Lee	91	88	66	245
Green	96	92	65	253
Runels	85	75	76	236
Wing	82	72	73	227
Total	445	426	351	1222

BROWNIES.

	1	2	3	T'll
Coleman	78	76	91	245
O'Heir	81	84	80	248
Moran	79	71	96	246
McLaughlin	92	74	67	233
O'Brien	83	80	73	238
Total	416	385	407	1208

CRICKET PRIZES.

The following prizes will be offered by the Zion Cricket club during the coming season:

Prize for best bowling average is offered by Col. James Carmichael.

Prize for best batting average is a specially designed gold medal valued at $25, donated by the Grant Jewelry Co., Merrimack street.

Prize for best fielding average is a choice of a first-class suit or overcoat, donated by the Merrimack Clothing Co., Merrimack street.

The above will be awarded to the qualifying members of the first eleven.

The prizes for the second eleven players are as follows:

Best bowling average $5.00 gold piece, donated by Hon. George E. Putnam.

Best batting average, gents' dress suit case, donated by Lowell One Price Clothing Co., Merrimack street.

A prize for the best fielding average will be given.

The Zions open their season with North Billerica at home in a Merrimack Valley league game.

A very pleasing incident of this meeting was the presentation by Matt Meiklejohn of a handsome pipe in case to Vice President Thatcher.

A meeting of the Merrimack Valley Cricket league will be held in the Arlington hotel on Saturday, April 2 at 7.30 p. m.

AMONG THE CONVALESCENTS.

City Solicitor Hogan is still confined to his home, though he will able to be around again in a short time. He had a severe attack of illness.

The little Rowe girl who was so seriously injured in the Rowers street coasting accident and whose life was despaired of for a few days has recovered sufficiently to be able to return to her home and she will be all right in a short time.

FINE DISPLAY

SPRING OPENING AT MRS. COURTNEY'S MILLINERY STORE.

At the millinery parlors of Mrs. W. F. Courtney, ladies, you can see the real article in beautiful millinery. This establishment is one of the grandest in the city. Her display of trimmed hats while not as extensive perhaps as some of the others cannot be excelled for real artistic workmanship. Mrs. Courtney has built up a very large business since she started which was brought about by excellence of workmanship and reasonable prices. The opening will continue today and tomorrow and all are welcome to visit her establishment.

DEACON BLAKE

REPORTED TO BE IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Deacon Blake of Tewksbury, who was thrown from his wagon in Central street yesterday afternoon, is still unconscious at St. John's hospital where he was taken shortly after the accident. His case is considered critical.

Frank Burke, who fell from a pole in Middlesex street yesterday afternoon, is also at the hospital and is resting comfortably.

10 per cent. discount at Cooper's, 329 Merrimack street.

EVERY ITEM
On This Price-List From the
ABELS' STORE
Is a Money-Saver.

Children's Drawers, three tucks, all sizes..............10c Pair
Children's Drawers with hemstitched ruffle.........12½c Pair
Ladies' Drawers, six inch tucked and hemstitched cambric ruffle.....................25c Pair
Children's Night Robes, yoke of tucks and embroidery..... 39c
Ladies' Night Robes, yoke of tucks and embroidery..... 50c
Misses' Kid Gloves, spring colors....................69c Pair
Ladies' Kid Gloves, spring colors..........79c and $1.00 Pair
Willimantic Spool Cotton, for Saturday only, 3 Spools for 11c
Six Rolls White Tape, assorted widths, for................. 9c
Angora Dress Braid, 5 yard pieces...............10c Piece

We Give Trading Stamps.

S. ABELS
Merrimack, Corner Kirk Street.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The winter of 1903-1904 has been the coldest on record. It is now showing signs of breaking up and the blanket of snow is disappearing. It will leave dirty yards and surfaces for some time on the foundation of thick ice and frozen ground. The health department will commence at once to remove the large accumulation of filth and it asks the co-operation of every householder and citizen in their effort to cleanse the surface of Lowell as quickly and thoroughly as possible. To those who have kept in the cellars during the winter the ashes from furnace we ask to gradually put them out for removal so that our teams may not be overcrowded with the work to be done.

H. H. KNAPP, Agent,
Board of Health.

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In plain colors, Black, Blue, Brown, Grey and Ecru, 36 and 38 inches wide, in remnants—good goods for waists, skirts and shirt waist suits, worth 50c.
Only 25c yd

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In plain and fancy colors, 45 and 50 inches wide, long remnants, worth 75c.
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27 inches wide, plain and fancy weaves, in Blue, Gray and Brown mixtures, long remnants, 5 to 12 yards; fine for suits, etc.; worth 75c.
Only 39c yd

Wool Challies
Fine Satin Stripes in both plain colors and figures. All of the spring stuffs for waists and dresses, usually 39c.
Only 20c yd

Boston Cinghams
Plain and fancy weaves; a great variety of colors and patterns in stripes and checks; worth 10c and 12½c.
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Torchon Laces and Insertions
In all widths from 1 inch to 3½ inches wide; good washable laces; never before sold less than 5c.
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Women's Hose
Black, Brown and Cream Color. Good heavy Stockings; worth 10c a pair.
Only 7c
4 Pairs for 25c

Boys' Hose
Good, heavy ribbed Stockings, in small sizes, the 12½c and 15c grades.
Only 10c Pair
3 Pairs for 25c

Table Oil Cloth
In all colors, 1¼ yards wide, in full pieces; worth today 20c a yard.
Only 12 1-2c yd

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Coffee Pots
Good Nickle Plated Pots, 3 pints size; regular price 50c.
Only 25c each

Austrian Vases
Fancy Decorated Austrian Glass; the 25c ones only 10c; the 50c ones
Only 25c

Dinner Set
Full 112 Piece Set, best American Porcelain, new floral decorations; every piece gold lined. Regular price $10.
Only $8.49

Opaque Shades
Best quality, mounted on rollers, trimmed with pretty fringe, all colors; regular price 39c.
Only 25c each

Crepe Paper
For the Easter decorations. Best imported grade.
3 Rolls 25c

Stove Polish
2000 boxes sold here in three weeks, a demonstration which should interest every woman who uses a stove. The Daisy Stove Polish is fire and water proof, no dust or brushing.
3 pkgs for 25c

MERRIMACK ST---BASEMENT

Lowell, Friday, March 25, 1904.

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

We Give the B. & M. Dark Blue Trading Stamps. 2 for 1 Tomorrow

A Grand Showing of What's Best
—FOR—
EASTER WEAR

There's Easter readiness all over this big store. Every department has been quietly busy with the getting ready and now we present to you such an army of Easter wearables as you've never seen in this section before.

For Women -- Superb Millinery, Stylish Suits, Jackets, Waists, Skirts, etc; Pretty New Neckwear; Proper Gloves, Up-to-Date Shoes, Nobby Hosiery, etc; Right Corsets, Latest Veilings, etc.

For Men--New Spring Hats, Swell Neckties, New Collars and Cuffs, Swagger Hosiery, Pretty Shirts, Good Gloves, and all the Swell Togs that make the Man's Easter a Most Satisfactory One.

Remember that at this "store of solid worth" you will always find the most value for your money

Men's Hats

New Spring Styles Sold Here at About Half the Usual Prices

A most unusual offer to Lowell's traders. May we tell you briefly of the tremendous selling which began here yesterday morning? Most of the time there were ten salesmen selling "Hats for Men and Boys"—a sale is easily made when the style and price are right. The styles were new and the prices half what you usually find them. Small wonder then that yesterday's hat business was extraordinary—the biggest in Lowell. But we expect more business today and still more tomorrow, for the assortment is still large and every hat sold is one best advertisement. THE GREATEST VALUE EVER OFFERED IN LOWELL.

The entire sample lines of three prominent manufacturers, including all newest blocks and colors of 1904 Derbies and a big assortment of Alpines, at these prices:

Men's Black Derby Hats, $2.50 and $3.00 quality, only..........$1.29 EACH
Men's Black and Brown Derbies, $1.50 and $2.00 quality, only.....69c EACH
Men's Alpine Hats and Soft Felts, $2.00 and $2.00 quality, only....98c EACH
Men's Alpines and Soft Felts, $1.00 and $1.25 quality, only.........49c EACH
Men's Black and Brown Soft Felts, 60c and 75c quality, only......29c EACH
Boys' Soft Hats, $1.00 and $1.25 quality, only......................49c EACH
Boys' Soft Felt Hats, 60c and 75c quality, only....................29c EACH

PALMER STREET—BASEMENT.

The 37 1-2c Waistings
At Less Than Half That Price---Selling Well.

Good for us that the quantity was large; good for you, too, who come today or tomorrow, for we've had a most busy time among the summer cottons.

Boston Barettes and Mercerized Suitings in all new colorings, some striped, others with snowflake effect. Regular price 37½c a yard. Our price

Only 17c a Yard

They're remnants carefully matched into waist and suit lengths. The every prettiest of cotton fabrics for spring and early summer wear.

Palmer Street—Centre Aisle.

Millinery

Hard to find prettier hats than ours at any price. None else ours at any price.

250 Black Chiffon Hats with jet crowns and fancy braid hats, regular price $2.50....ONLY $1.49 EACH

300 samples Ladies' and Misses' Shirt Waist Hats 69c, 98c and $1.25

800 Untrimmed Straws for...29c, 49c, 69c and 98c
New Ostrich Plumes of excellent quality, $1.49 to $6.98

Flowers, Foliage and Berries, 19c, 29c, 49c and 69c BUNCH

300 Bunches Fadeless Roses; regular price $1.49, ONLY 98c BUNCH

Palmer Street—Centre Aisle.

HANDKERCHIEES
From the Lawson Stock at a Great Reduction.

Men's Cotton Handkerchiefs for 3c Each. Lawson's price 5c each.

Men's All Linen Handkerchiefs for 9c Each. Lawson's price 12½c each.

Men's Hemstitched All Linen Handkerchiefs for 17c Each. Lawson's price 25c.

Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs for 19c Each. Lawson's price 25c.

Ladies' Cotton Handkerchiefs for 3c Each. Lawson's price 5c.

Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs, 9c, 17c, 25c Each. Lawson's price 12½, 25c and 37c.

Ladies' Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs for 17c, 25c, 50c and 75c Each. Lawson's price 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.25.

Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs for 9c and 17c Each. Lawson's price 12½c and 25c.

East Section—Centre Aisle.

Black Velvet Ribbons
Priced at Less Than Half Their Worth

It's about a year since we could offer Velvet Ribbons at these prices. 10,000 yards go on sale this day. All Silk Black Velvet Ribbons with satin back. These are the very low prices:

No. 5.................Only 8c a Yard
No. 7.................Only 10c a Yard
No. 9.................Only 15c a Yard
No. 12...............Only 20c a Yard
No. 16...............Only 25c a Yard
No. 22...............Only 25c a Yard

You'll find slight damages in these ribbons, hardly noticeable though, and far between.

SALE TODAY.
West Section—Centre Aisle.

Tea and Coffee Department

FOR 85c 1 pound Coffee, ½ pound Oolong or Mixed Tea, 1 can Admiral Cocoa, 1 can Pet Cream, 1 package Uneeda Biscuit, 5 pounds Sugar FOR 85c.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5.42	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.22	7.40	6.30	7.26
a6.39	7.30	7.55	8.55
a6.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
a7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.37
ea7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
a7.51	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.85	e11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.37
11.00	12.03	2.00	3.01
ea11.48	12.25	e3.00	3.37
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	6.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.30
ea1.56	2.30	e5.00	5.37
a3.03	3.20	5.38	6.25
ea3.47	4.20	a5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
ea5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.08
ea6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
ea7.23	8.10	11.20	12.29

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
a6.38	7.30	9.00	10.00
a7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.59
a2.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
a6.38	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.50	8.00	7.30	8.54
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.32
9.25	10.32	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.03	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.36	4.55
2.30	3.36	4.59	3.50
3.10	4.10	6.00	7.05
3.55	5.04	6.58	7.48
5.06	6.43	9.39	10.40
6.15	7.15	B11.15	12.18
7.00	8.06		
9.25	10.39		

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.15	5.00	5.27
5.30	6.55		
8.00	9.05		

Trains by western division leave Lowell from Middlesex St. Station.

aVia Bedford.

eExpress.

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LOCAL NEWS

Stationery—F. A. M. Tobin's Printery.

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Lawler Printing Co., 29 Prescott St.

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The best Wire Screen Paint, 15c can, at C. B. Coburn & Co.'s.

Next week is "Quarter Week" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings bank. Deposits are placed upon interest Saturday, April 2nd.

ATTENDED BANQUET.

Messrs. J. H. Guillet and L. P. Turcotte of this city attended a banquet of La Societe Historique Franco-Americaine in Young's hotel, Boston, yesterday.

CAKE SALE.

Don't forget to buy your cake for Sunday at the cake sale tomorrow in the Brothers' school hall, Suffolk street. The sale will be held between 2 and 7 p. m. under the auspices of the St. Vincent De Paul society, in aid of the St. Patrick's church building fund.

GRAND SPRING OPENING.

Miss J. F. Kenney invites the ladies to call and inspect her stock of choice millinery today and tomorrow. Miss Kenney has always enjoyed a large patronage and it seems once a customer always a customer. She has a knack of pleasing both in price and quality. Her display this year is even better than any previously shown. Don't fail to visit her store at 125 Merrimack street while out inspecting the openings.

PERSONALS

A. G. Thompson of this city attended a meeting of lumber manufacturers at Manchester, N. H., yesterday.

Among recent deaths in the North Country is that of Dwight S. Heath of Franconia, N. H. His death was due to tuberculosis, which dated back two years. He was born at St. Johnsbury, Vt., July 16, 1868, moving when 2 years old to Peacham, Vt. He was a member of Lafayette grange of Franconia and an active worker. He leaves a widow, two daughters, several brothers and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Spear of Lowell, Mass., George Corey of Littleton is an uncle.

Mr. Peter A. Chase, after being threatened with pneumonia, is able to be out once more.

Mr. David A. McHugh, who went back to the Lowell General hospital for a short time, has left that institution and is now well along towards recovery.

Mr. J. B. Cover is spending a few weeks with relatives in Maryland.

Mrs. A. C. Cruchet of 317 Westford street is spending a week in New York city.

Dr. C. W. Taylor is confined to the house by grip.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY

SAYS NAVY MAN SHOULD KEEP OUT OF POLITICS.

RICHMOND, Va., March 25—When asked about reports as to his candidacy for the presidential nomination of the democratic ticket, Admiral Winfield S. Schley, replied that he thought it would be a mistake for a navy man to get into national politics.

INSANITY PLEA

TRUEMAN FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 25—William Trueman, 18 years old, the second of the four boys to be tried for killing Balsano, an Italian grocer, in an attempted hold up, was found guilty of manslaughter yesterday.

Heimberger, another member of the same gang, has been convicted of murder in the second degree. Trueman's defense was a plea of insanity.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at Goodale's drug store, 217 Central street, Lowell.

WAR NEWS

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RIVER RAMPANT

Ice Breaks in Merrimack Near Dam

RIVER CLEAR UP TO ICE HOUSE

Magnificent Spectacle Presented Last Night

"Released from her icy fetters the rampant Merrimack resumes her wildly majestic rush to the sea, presenting a magnificent spectacle to him who loves to commune with nature." Thus spoke Andy Owens, hunter, fisherman and wanderer of the woods, a veritable child of nature, to The Sun reporter last evening as he proceeded to wax eloquent on his one favorite subject, "The beauty of nature"; for it happened to be Andy's good fortune to be driving across the Pawtucket bridge yesterday afternoon just at the moment when with a mighty crash the ice near the dam was torn asunder and pitched in chaotic disorder over the dam and down through the series of whirlpools below the bridge.

The river rose perceptibly during the day and it was late in the afternoon when the ice began to break. Up to yesterday the ice remained solid up to within a few feet of the dam, but this morning the river was open up as far as the ice-houses. Up to dark and even after the bridge was lined with people watching with awed admiration the force of the waters as they hurled the great cakes of ice about as though they were so many chips. Some were lifted high in the air and fell over the dam with a crash which sent the spray in all directions.

At the first break of the ice the flashboards went over, leaving only the bent spikes which had held them over the top of the dam. These offered temporary resistance to the larger cakes of ice, but the force of the current in every instance but one was too great for them to withstand any length of time.

The one exception showed a huge rectangular mass of ice about 25 or 30 feet long and half as wide. This settled on the top of the dam and for hours resisted the force of the current. It was still daylight when the immense mass first appeared and it remained for a time standing high in the air on one end until about 10 o'clock last night, when it collapsed, and breaking into many smaller pieces followed the hundreds that had gone before.

The roar of the waters could be heard throughout the night and at six o'clock this morning the water was four feet seven inches above the crest of the dam. Mr. May, who has charge of the gate house at Pawtucket bridge for the Locks & Canals company, does not fear a freshet unless a great rainstorm comes.

No ice went over the dam this morning, as the ice is still intact above the ice house.

To save money buy suits at Cooper's.

FOUGHT A DUEL

KANOUNSE KNOCKED OUT COUNT LA VALLE.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A romance in which a fistic encounter played an important part has reached what is probably its final stage in the announcement made yesterday of the marriage of Miss Grace Davis of Morristown, N. J., and George Kanounse of Dover, N. J., which took place at Long Hill in the early part of January.

The bride is a handsome, vivacious girl of 20, a graduate of Miss Dana's select seminary for young women, and a daughter of H. H. Davis, president of the Barre granite company of Barre, Vt. Mr. Kanounse is the son of Abraham Kanounse of the brokerage firm of Kanounse & Vanderhoof.

Three years ago Count Raoul Henry Philip de Montaigne LaValle made his appearance in town and proclaimed himself a hero of the Spanish-American war. He and Mr. Kanounse both courted Miss Davis assiduously, and soon the noble Frenchman found his stock going down. He did not understand that Kanounse was conducting a "bear" campaign against him. Several stories which he believed Mr. Kanounse to have circulated came to the ears of the count, whereupon he took his pen in hand and wrote as follows:

"Count Raoul Henry Philip DeMontaigne LaValle, deeming his honor to be impugned and his veracity questioned, hereby challenges Mr. George Kanounse to a meeting on the field of honor. Time, place and weapons to be designated by the said Mr. Kanounse."

Mr. Kanounse answered thus: "I, Mr. George Kanounse, accept the conditions mentioned in the challenge of Count, etc., LaValle and agree to meet him on the eastern slope of fort Nonsense at sunrise, two weeks hence; weapons to be ancient eggs at 40 paces."

When the noble count received this communication he boiled and seethed. At last, however, he concluded to accept his rival's offer. The duel never took place because the newspapers got hold of it and city authorities threatened arrest for both hot-headed lovers. Mr. Davis forbade his daughter to continue her acquaintance with the young men.

Next a meeting with 10-ounce gloves was arraigned by a small sporting club. But the gloves were too heavy to give satisfaction to the noble count, and so they went into a bare-knuckle "mill" in the third round. After having measured his length on the floor several times, the count at last failed to respond and was counted out. He left town.

MIDDLESEX CLUB

ENTERTAINED SEVERAL DISTINGUISHED GUESTS LAST NIGHT.

BOSTON, March 25—Lieut. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, U. S. A., and Rear Admirals John C. Watson and Caspar F. Goodrich, U. S.N., were the guests of the Middlesex club at its "Army and Navy Night" celebration at the American house last night.

Gen. Chaffee delivered a brief address, in which he lauded the American soldiers and sailors in the Civil and Spanish wars.

Admiral Watson spoke on the courage of Farragut, while Admiral Goodrich, by personal request, told of his personal experiences while commander of the St. Louis during the Spanish war.

Rev. A. E. Horton, chaplain of the Massachusetts senate, referred to the war between Japan and Russia and made an impassioned plea for sympathy with the Japanese cause.

Other speakers were Gen. W. W. Blackmar, Brig. Gen. Chamberlain and Mr. Field.

CLERGY ENTERTAINED

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL BOYS HONOR VISITING OBLATES.

The boys of St. Joseph's college entertained Rev. Frs. Tatin and Miller, O. M. I., yesterday forenoon in the college hall.

The program consisted of three choruses of 160 voices, sung with Brother Chrysenil directing. After the first chorus the address of welcome to the reverend visitors was read by Master Maxime Cornellier.

Other numbers were a violin solo by Master Eugene Ricard; a song, "Maison de Vendre," Master Arthur Bodreau; "Les 400 Coups," a comical operetta, Masters Maxime Cornellier and Joseph Lamoureux, a violin duet, Masters Edmond Perrault and Herve Lussier; a vocal duet, "Les Fanfare du Crobes," Masters Maxime Sornellier and Joseph Lamoureux; "La Fanfare de Nonancourt," operetta, Masters Armand Desmarais, Arthur Lamoureux, Joseph Lamoureux, Maxime Cornellier and Rosario Fontaine.

Both clergymen addressed the children in complimentary manner and a holiday was granted them for the remainder of the day.

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TO EACH OTHER

MAN AND WOMAN WILLED THEIR PROPERTY.

PORTLAND, Me., March 25.—Quickly following the double funeral at Falmouth on Wednesday of Capt. William Griffin and Miss Elizabeth J. Bibber, Benjamin Thompson, their attorney, yesterday presented their wills for probate.

Each made a will in favor of the other, but Mrs. Bibber died a few hours before the man she had for years regarded as a son, and her estate went to Capt. Griffin, and will follow the provisions of his last will. He conveyed his estate, in the event of the death of Mrs. Bibber, to the city of Portland for the Pine Grove cemetery in Falmouth, and in the event of that corporation ceasing to exist, to the Maine general hospital. The estate is supposed to be worth from $50,000 to $60,000.

Had Capt. Griffin died first, the estate would have gone to the town of Bristol, the income to have been devoted to the care of the worthy poor of the town.

On his deathbed Capt. Griffin added a codicil to his will, making some small bequests, but not changing the general disposition of the estate.

It is said that both Mrs. Bibber and Capt. Griffin were determined that no portion of their property should go to relatives. Mrs. Bibber even provided that none of her personal effects should be sold in the town.

The heirs of Capt. Griffin are supposed to live in Boston.

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NORTH CHELMSFORD

Monday will be town meeting and all North Chelmsford will be there as the result of the contest for selectman from the north village between James P. Dunnigan and Charles A. Holt.

Mr. Dunnigan defeated Mr. Holt fairly and decisively in the recent caucuses, but Mr. Holt is now running on nomination papers. Mr. Mahoney, who was also a candidate before the caucuses, has gracefully accepted the decision of the voters in caucus and is supporting Mr. Dunnigan, the regular nominee. If the contest were left to North Chelmsford to decide, Mr. Dunnigan would win by an overwhelming majority.

The contest for town clerk is also arousing much interest.

A lively contest is being waged for constable from the east district and prospects look bright for William Shinkwin, who is a candidate on nomination papers. Mr. Shinkwin's friends state that if they doubted his ability to win for a moment, they would have nominated him in the caucus. Now they are making up for their over-confidence and promise to land him in town meeting.

Miss Mildred G. Queen gave an informal reception at her home in Washington street, yesterday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 o'clock to her classmates in the grammar school in honor of Miss Laura G. Shirriffs, who is about to make her new home in Pawtucket, R. I. "Pit" and other games were enjoyed and refreshments served. Among those present were Isabel Bridgeford, Rose Garvey, Iola Gruber, Jane Lavell, Margaret Mulligan, Margaret Walsh, Bertha Piggott, Margaret Ready, Irene Smith, Laura Shirriffs, Mildred Queen, Edward Davis, Edward Duffy, John Hemlow, Arthur McComb, Arthur McEnaney, William Welsh, Clifford Wheeler, Earl Wotton.

WAS DISCOURAGED

BECAUSE HE COULD NOT PAY HIS BILLS.

CLINTON, Mass., March 25—Discouraged because he could not pay his debts as fast as he desired, Ambrose Newman, aged 50, jumped from the bridge into the Nashua river, a distance of 80 feet, and was killed yesterday. The river at this point is two feet deep.

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WAS MASSACRED

Lowell Soldier Was Boloed Out of Revenge

Concerning the report from Washington that there is a movement on foot to secure a pardon for Gen. Aguino, a Filipino officer, who is serving a 20-year sentence for shooting American prisoners, there is likely to be some interest taken in Massachusetts, as one of the victims was a man from this state, a private of the 9th regulars, named Cook, who went from Lowell.

The circumstances were such that it seems hardly credible that Aguino can be cleared of guilt in this matter, nevertheless the papers have been referred to President Roosevelt with a favorable recommendation.

During the campaign up the railroad in the fall of 1899, five soldiers were captured by the Filipinos at different times and places. Of these three belonged to the 9th regulars, and two to the 12th regulars. Several weeks later after Aguinaldo's army had been dispersed, the U. S. troops learned that these soldiers were held as prisoners on the top of Mt. Arayat, one of the prominent peaks in northern Luzon. Gen. Fred D. Grant, who was in charge of that military district, decided to attempt the rescue of the men, but his purpose was communicated to the natives, and he received a message from the alleged commander on Mt. Arayat, who signed himself Gen. Aguino, warning him that if the Americans attempted to take the position he would shoot the prisoners.

Gen. Grant, undeterred by this threat, sent a battalion of the 25th U. S. infantry to storm the mountain, which it was successful in accomplishing; but on reaching the summit the men were astonished to find that the natives had carried out the threat. They had lined up the five soldiers against a house and fired a volley at them, afterward cutting them with bolos. Two of the men were still alive, one Private Cook, the other Sergt. Pedersen of the 12th infantry. Cook died in a few minutes, but Pedersen recovered. In his agony he had thrown himself over an embankment and in this way escaped the final onslaught.

Many months later, when the guerilla bands began to surrender, Gen. Aguino was captured. He was tried by a military commission and sentenced to death. This sentence was commuted to 20 years in Bilibid prison, Manila.

Sergt. Pedersen, the only survivor of this massacre, is now dead. After his recovery he was discharged for disability and returned to the United States, but, being an old soldier of 17 years' service, he was not happy outside the army. He went to Washington and received special permission to re-enlist.

In the summer of 1901 he joined the 27th U. S. infantry, a new regiment then being organized at Plattsburg barracks, and was made first sergeant of Co. F. He returned to the Philippines with the 27th in January, 1902, and in the following May took part in the sanguinary fight with the Moros, known as the battle of Bayan, in which Co. F lost both its commissioned officers, Lieuts. Vicars and Jossman, and Sergt. Pedersen distinguished himself when the command devolved upon him. In less than two weeks, however, he fell a victim to a Moro bullet during a night attack while seated in his tent. He was the only man killed in this latter engagement.

FOUND GUILTY

Boardinghouse Keeper Was Fined

Stephen H. Murphy, in police court today, pleaded not guilty to a complaint charging him with illegally keeping liquor. Officer Brown was the first witness. He said that in company with other officers of the liquor squad he called on the defendant at 203 Dutton street on Thursday evening, March 10. In a room on the second floor he said he found two cases of beer and three men were drinking from bottles.

He asked who the beer belonged to and two of the men, J. Caldwell and J. Barr said the beer belonged to them. One case was marked J. Caldwell and the other J. Barr. Mr. Murphy, Officer Brown said, was present but did not say anything.

He asked the men if they lived in the house and they said they did not.

Mrs. Murphy, Officer Brown said, told him that the beer was received at the house some time during the afternoon.

Officer Atkinson said he asked Mr. Murphy who owned the beer and Mr. Murphy said the addresses on the cases would tell whom they belonged to. He spoke of a conversation he had with J. Barr relative to the beer. There were five full bottles in the case that bore his name.

"I asked him," said the officer if it was really his beer and he said it was. He said the beer came in during the day and I asked him if he drank it all himself and he said he had given three or four bottles away.

There were only five full bottles remaining in the case. I asked him how many bottles he drank and he said five or six. I asked him where the rest of it had gone to and he said he didn't know."

Further testimony of a corroborative nature was given by Officers Corcoran and Grady.

The expressman who delivered the beer was a government witness and the delivery sheets used by the express company were submitted as evidence. According to the delivery sheets five cases of beer were delivered at 203 Dutton street April 27, three on March 1, three on March 4, three on March 5 and three more cases March 10.

Patrolman Thomas Riley, whose beat is in the vicinity and including that portion of Dutton street where the defendant lives, was the last witness for the government. His mission was to prove traffic and he did a very good job.

"Who have you seen going in there?" asked the prosecuting officer.

"Storekeepers, train men, coal drivers, gas men, hack drivers, city men and others."

"I'd like to know the others," said counsel for the defendant; "it seems to me you have mentioned pretty nearly everything on the calendar."

Patrolman Riley said he had seen several men drunk on the premises on several occasions.

Stephen H. Murphy, the defendant, said he didn't know anything about the beer. He said he allowed it was none of his business if his boarders had beer in their rooms. He didn't know when the beer arrived, he said, and didn't know that 27 cases of beer had been delivered at his house within a space of ten or fifteen days.

James J. Barr said that the case containing five bottles belonged to him.

According to Mr. Barr's story he likes beer pretty well. In response to a question by Deputy Welch as to the amount of beer he was in the habit of drinking, Barr said he never kept very close track of the amount.

"Would you drink 24 bottles a day?" asked the deputy.

"Probably I would," said Barr, and the gallery gods snickered.

"How much wages do you get?" asked the deputy.

"Eight or nine dollars a week," replied Barr.

"And you are in the habit of buying five or six cases of beer?"

"Sometimes, not always."

Barr said that the men who were drinking beer when the officers arrived at Murphy's boarding-house were his guests.

The case was a long winded one, seven witnesses being sworn for the government and six for the defense.

After a brief but careful review of the evidence, Judge Hadley found the defendant guilty and ordered him to pay a fine of $75. Defendant appealed and was ordered in $300 for the superior court.

PIG IRON WARRANTS.

NEW YORK, March 25—Plans are being discussed by sellers of pig iron and a committee from the New York exchange with a view to the introduction of trading in pig iron warrants on the exchange.

HOUSE THIEVES

Gang Operating in the Highlands

House thieves are operating in the Highlands and policemen in citizens clothes have been doing night duty in that vicinity for a week or more. Two breaks have been reported to the police and an attempt to break and enter has also been reported. The home of a down town druggist, whose family is out of town was visited by the burglars and house thieves a few evenings ago but they were driven away before they succeeded in gaining an entrance.

The police believe that the members of the gang, one or two of them at least, are well acquainted with the district in which they are operating and the only way they differ from the majority of house thieves that the police have had to deal with is that they take all the keys they can lay hands on.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

MARGARET ROARKE WAS 15 YEARS OLD YESTERDAY.

A pleasant birthday party was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Roarke, 96 Lewis street, in honor of their daughter, Margaret, who celebrated her 15th birthday. She was surprised with a handsome gold ring, a pocket-book containing gold and several other presents. The following program was enjoyed: Piano solos, Annie McCall; Margaret Gorman; violin solo, Mamie Roarke; vocal solos, Nellie O'Neil, Annie McMann, Annie Clough, Bertha LaValley, John Donnelly and John H. Barry; reading, Mr. Joseph Lever; phonograph selections, Miss Della Roarke. Refreshments were served by Winifred Handley and Norah Clough.

DEATHS

HOWARD—Mrs. Jane Howard, aged 72 years, widow of Lyman Howard, died suddenly at her home, 73 Congress street, yesterday. Heart disease was the cause of death. Mrs. Howard was enjoying the best of health up to last evening. Just before retiring she complained of not feeling all right and shortly after midnight she lapsed into unconsciousness and died a few minutes later. Mrs. Howard lived in Lowell for many years past and was well known here. She was born in Mt. Vernon, Me.

CULLINAN—James Cullinan died at his home at 111 South Highland street, yesterday afternoon. He was a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in County Clare, Ireland, where for forty years he filled a position of trust. He leaves a family of six sons and five daughters. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

GERALD—Mrs. Martha M. Gerald, mother of Mrs. Dora E. Knight, wife of Charles Knight of this city, died at her home in Fairfield, Me., this week, aged 87 years.

CARMICHAEL—The funeral of the late James Carmichael will take place tomorrow morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late home, 27 Ellsworth street. A high mass of requiem will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart church at nine o'clock.

"SPARROW" MAN

TOOK KITTY DOWN FROM THE TREE.

About three weeks ago The Sun published a story that had to do with Agent Richardson's experiences with a cat that had climbed to the top of an electric light pole. Mr. Richardson went to the rescue and after quite a struggle succeeded in bringing the cat back to earth. That very same cat climbed up a tree in Middlesex street near the Traders bank yesterday and as luck would have it, Mr. Richardson was one of the first to hear kitty's cries for help. He looked up into the tree and recognized his old friend. The recognition seemed to be mutual, but Mr. Richardson wasn't very anxious to go a tree-climbing. A member of the sparrow gang was at work in the street close by and he told Mr. Richardson that if he would supply the ladder he would go to the relief of kitty. Mr. Richardson got the ladder and the member of the sparrow gang started tree-upwards.

He reached kitty but she didn't want to come. He pulled and pulled and finally she released her hold on the tree, and as soon as she did she served her rescuer just as she had served Mr. Richardson, by sticking her claws into his head. She was clinging on good and hard when the street-was reached and the man who went to the rescue told Mr. Richardson that he was all through having anything to do with cats, and the agent of the society with the elongated name didn't blame the man.

LIQUOR DEALERS MEET.

The liquor dealers held a meeting at the Arlington hotel this afternoon and talked over the cases that will be begun in the police court on Monday. The probable object of the meeting is to outline a plan of action on the spotter cases.

LAWSON'S DEMANDS

What He Wanted for the Boston Gas Deal

BOSTON, March 25.—The sudden change in plan in connection with the gas consolidation trial by Attorney Whipple in calling Thomas W. Lawson as a witness just before adjournment last night had the effect of filling the court room with spectators before the case was opened this morning. Mr. Whipple had stated on Wednesday that he did not expect to call Mr. Lawson. When asked today why he changed his decision his reply was: "We might as well throw things wide open."

Counsel in examining Mr. Lawson first turned his attention to the suit brought in 1895 to prevent a consolidation of the Boston gas companies with the New England Gas and Coke Co. Mr. Lawson said that he was connected with the Boston gas companies at the time and that he conducted all the negotiations with Mr. H. H. Rogers for a settlement of the suit. Further questioning along this line brought forth an objection from counsel on the other side and the objection was sustained. Mr. Lawson said that he had many conversations with Mr. Rogers and with Mr. Elkins as to the proposition to consolidate the companies. Mr. Lawson said Mr. Rogers wanted him to consent to the plan saying that he was obligated by his promise to Mr. Elkins and his associates to help them through. Mr. Rogers said that he would guarantee that the Bay State company of Delaware interests would be protected.

There were several wrangles between counsel as Mr. Lawson's examination progressed and on one or two points there was consultation between counsel and the court. Mr. Whipple usually maintained his point in these proceedings. Mr. Lawson being asked concerning conversations with Mr. Rogers about the New England Gas and Coke reorganization bill when it was before the legislature, said that at one time he had complained to Mr. Rogers about the reports current which he claimed were started by Mr. Winsor of Kidder Peabody & Co., to the effect that Mr. Rogers had received $2,000,000 and Mr. Lawson $1,000,000 for withdrawing opposition to the bill. Mr. Rogers informed the witness that he had done Mr. Lawson great injustice in getting him to withdraw his opposition.

Mr. Lawson was asked pointedly as to conversation with Mr. Rogers about the gas consolidation. At Mr. Rogers' suggestion the witness said he had selected a Boston banking firm to carry through contemplative consolidation of mining companies to further the proposed gas combination and he had chosen Kidder, Peabody & Co. Later Mr. Rogers asked the witness if he would co-operate in the consolidation. Mr. Rogers had told him: "If you do not co-operate I will not go into it." Mr. Lawson said he had dictated an answer to the proposition in which he set forth that his expenses so far had been between $500,000 and $600,000 with no profits. "There are two plans to follow," the witness had added, $1,000,000 to me or one and one-half millions to both of us—that is $750,000 to each, but you are to allow me the one and one-half millions for something I am now all ready for, and which I will guarantee against loss to the extent of your $750,000 and which I believe will double the one and one-half millions within ninety days." Within a few hours, Mr. Lawson said he received a message from Mr. Rogers, saying "All right, if you will allow me to work out the details."

It was later arranged that Mr. Lawson should have 10 per cent. of the profits of the re-organization. This was agreeable to Mr. Winsor.

The witness added that Mr. Rogers had assured him that in the re-organization of the Boston gas companies the interests of the Bay State Gas Co., of Delaware would be protected. He was also assured that he was not to be restricted from trading in any securities that he might desire.

Mr. Lawson was asked as to conversation with reference to the recognition of the Delaware company's equities. He said that he was to be given the commission of securing the equities for the new company in some way that would be satisfactory to Kidder, Peabody & Co., and to the bondholders and stockholders of the Bay State Gas Co., of Delaware so that there would be no more litigation. If that could not be done he was to be given the commission of purchasing the stock of the Delaware company for the consolidation.

"Mr. Rogers told me," went on Mr. Lawson, "that Mr. Winsor expected me to do all I could to carry out the purchasing or combining of all the gas interests into one company; that it was necessary in their plan to foreclose on the stocks of the Boston companies; that I must do all in my power to refrain from interfering and to keep others from interfering with the purchase of these stocks and to do what I could with the stockholders of the Delaware company. In all my dealings with gas affairs, I have demanded the recognition of the right of the equity of the holders of the Bay State Gas Co., of Delaware.

THEY WERE GAME

Two English sparrows, game as they make 'em, fought for more than half an hour in Market street and on the sidewalk near the police station this afternoon and when stopped at one point they would fly to another and renew hostilities. "The're the gamest things I ever saw," said an old fellow who years ago was the proud owner of some of the best fighting roosters in New England.

It seemed as if either one of the sparrows would breathe his last in the bloody duel and when the spectators realized that it was impossible to permanently separate them they stood in the street, about 50 in all, and watched the atoms of the animal kingdom dealing solar plexus blows and uppercuts. The sparrows would rest for a few seconds and go at it again and when it was thought that both were about dead they took wings and flew away. One of them had displayed the white feather but the other wasn't satisfied and gave chase to the flag of truce bird. They flew over the Market street buildings and it is possible that they renewed engagements at another point.

PEBBLES FOUND

Another operation has been performed on little Emily Galloway, who will be remembered as one of the survivors of the South Lowell explosion.

The little girl was confined to St. John's hospital for a long time after the explosion, at one time her recovery being despaired of. But after months of careful treatment she recovered, all but a sore on her ankle, and as it was thought that the sore would heal in time she was released from the hospital.

But the sore did not heal and became a running sore and bothered her so that it was decided to take her to the hospital again. This was done a few days ago.

The wound was reopened and the surgeons found therein two good-sized pebbles which they removed and which were responsible for the little girl's trouble. The pebbles had been blown into the girl's ankle by the force of the explosion. She is now on the road to recovery and this time her recovery will be complete.

McALEER WILL ALLOWED.

BOSTON, March 25.—Judge Grant of the Suffolk probate court today decided that the will of Patrick McAleer, a contractor and real estate owner of this city, which was contested by his daughters, was valid. About $500,000 is involved. The bulk of the estate was left to the only son, John B., whose rights were contested on the ground that he had used undue influence with his father.

McAleer came to this city from St. John, N. B., as a journeyman carpenter many years ago, and from a capital of $1,000 built up a fortune. It is thought the case may be appealed to a higher court.

DOVES MUST GO

Driven From Eaves of City Hall

BY JANITOR DELMAGE'S INGENIOUS INVENTION

Had Been a Long Standing Nuisance

Woe betide the dove which henceforth perches itself on the coping of City hall over the Merrimack street entrance and proceeds to make itself at home, as the birds have been doing since the building was constructed.

Doves, under certain conditions, are things of beauty and nice to have around but the conditions are not right at City hall and for years back the employes of the city engineer's office and the different janitors of the building have been swearing at them and the dove nuisance has become an evil of long standing at the municipal building.

Directly over the Merrimack street entrance to City hall, way up out of the reach of man, are three blind windows set in the coping. About 20 feet below are the attic windows and 1 story below the attic windows are windows of the blue print room of the city engineer's office. From these windows in the engineer's office there stretches out an iron trellis built especially for the purpose of drying blue prints and upon this the city engineer puts out all his blue prints in the process of their construction. It is the only apparatus of its kind on the building and hence the only window from which blue prints can be placed in the open and consequently a most important window.

Now this blue print arrangement is in a direct line under the blind window in the coping and these blind windows for years have been the rendezvous of all the doves in the heavens according to Janitor Delmage's reckoning.

One day several years ago, shortly after the engineer moved into his new office, his assistant, Fred Farnham, had occasion to lay a nice new blue print outside the window to dry.

Hardly had he withdrawn his hands from the blue print when, like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, something dropped from above with a thud and hit the blue print plumb in the middle.

Mr. Farnham gazed at his blue print and then glanced heavenward. "It's a good thing cows don't fly," remarked Fred, as he mournfully withdrew the blue print and went to work on another.

That evening the city messenger was informed that it would be necessary to request the doves to shift their quarters to the Moody street side of the building as the appropriation for blue prints was limited. The messenger appointed the janitor a committee on removal of doves, but history shows that the janitor went out of office long before the doves did, for the doves are still doing business at the same old stand while several janitors have come and gone since the first dove set its seal of approval on the handiwork of Mr. Farnham.

The nuisance became so bad that the city engineer had to find other means of drying his blue prints, but recently Janitor Delmage after racking his fertile brain hit upon a scheme which promises to offer relief. He has rigged up a pole some 25 feet long which he has set in an iron gas pipe from the sill of the attic window and which he operates from the attic in such a manner that the top of the pole passes to and fro across the blind windows in a manner to frighten if not strike any bird that may be there.

He rigged up his invention yesterday morning, but as luck would have it, not a dove showed up to give "Papa" Delmage a chance to work his new scheme. "Papa" waited patiently until noon, but it looked as if the doves had been "tipped off" for they didn't show up.

Finally late in the afternoon a solitary bird came along and "Papa" hiked for the attic forthwith. Stealthily opening the window he swung the stick and it struck the dove on the head stunning it and dropping it to the depths below. The bird was only temporarily stunned and flew away again, but the success of the invention was demonstrated, though until the inventor finds a way to have it work automatically upon the approach of the doves it will be necessary for the city to engage a man to sit in the attic and watch for the doves lest they fly in when all the janitors are elsewhere engaged and defy the ingenuity of their enemy.

NEW CEMETERY

About to be Opened at North Chelmsford

It is understood at North Chelmsford that the new Catholic cemetery in the village, known as St. John's cemetery, will be gotten ready and opened this spring. The land was purchased and staked out during the pastorate of Rev. Fr. Shaw but the work of preparing it for the reception of bodies was never completed. Of late there has been a growing demand among the people of the North village for the opening of the new cemetery, and many have intimated that they will purchase lots immediately upon its opening.

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Ruby Prunes.....10c lb.
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JAPANESE FLEET

Made Another Attempt To Bottle up Port Arthur

LONDON, March 25.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a despatch from its Tokio correspondent under yesterday's date which says:

"On the night of March 22 the Japanese fleet renewed the attempt to bottle up Port Arthur. Sixteen warships escorted seven merchant vessels to the mouth of the harbor and under cover of the bombardment the steamers ran in and were sunk in desired positions. Three hundred Japanese officers and bluejackets volunteered for this duty. An official report is expected this evening."

PORT ARTHUR'S FATE IN THE BALANCE

LONDON, March 25.—The Daily Telegraph's report from its Tokio correspondent that the Japanese succeeded in bottling up Port Arthur on the night of March 22, is not confirmed from any other quarter. The special despatches to the other morning papers announce no new developments in the situation, but throw a few side lights on the operations.

The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent says that Viceroy Alexieff renewed his demand for the withdrawal of all Chinese officials and soldiers from Manchuria on the ground that otherwise it would be impossible to conduct the war properly.

The Daily Mail's correspondents give from Japanese sources some details of the condition of Port Arthur which were gathered during a recent visit of a Chinese junk there. It is asserted that a boom had been placed across the entrance to the roadstead which was alive with mines so defective and so carelessly laid as to endanger equally both Russian and Japanese vessels. The damaged Russian warships, these reports say, were repaired with such haste that it is dangerous for them to leave their anchorage. Eight battleships and cruisers and ten torpedo boat destroyers are now uninjured and often leave the harbor but never go far from the forts. Japanese naval officers praise the quality of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers which, they confess, have done excellent work, but they declare that the Russian shells are badly fused and fail to explode except when they strike direct upon armor and that their charges of gun cotton are insufficient to cause serious damage.

The Daily Mail's Shan Hai Kwang correspondent says that the Japanese are secretly engaging Chinese to act as irregular corps.

RUSSIAN TROOPS IN FINE SHAPE

VLADIVOSTOK, March 25.—The troops arriving here are in good health and spirits, weather beaten, and in some cases with frost-bitten faces, the only other indications of their 7000 mile journey are their fur coats and felt boots, which they brought with them, though no longer necessary as spring is setting in with sunny days.

BRITISH REJOICE AT JAPANESE VICTORIES

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25—1.45 p. m.—A correspondent on his way to the far east writes that Chita ,Siberia, "which was formerly populated by dogs, is now alive with troops."

He saw a mounted battery drawn by tiny Mongolian ponies. Prices are very high and supplies cannot last more than four months. The railroad is too busy with troop transportation to haul provisions. The military trains are proceeding with clock-work regularity.

The Bourse Gazette, in a leading article on Japophilism, maintains that the pro-Japanese sympathy among the commercial nations at the outbreak of the war is not being sustained owing to the fuller realization that the growth of Japan into a great commercial country will mean the destruction of all the Europeans have accomplished in the far east.

A correspondent at Port Arthur has interviewed a Russian officer, who has returned there from Shanghai. He says the British there are rejoicing at the news of the Japanese victories and that bulletins in Chinese are distributed in the streets reporting the destruction of the Russian fleet and the fall of Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN SPY HAS BEEN EXECUTED

SEOUL, March 24—1 p. m.—A Korean accused of being a Russian spy, has been executed at Ping Yang by the Japanese.

MARQUIS ITO GUEST OF BRITISH MINISTER

SEOUL, Thursday, March 24—7 p. m. —Marquis Ito was the guest of honor at a luncheon given today by the British minister resident, J. N. Jordon and the British colony.

RUSSIANS' STRENGTH SURPRISES JAPANESE

SEOUL, Thursday, March 24—7 p. m. —Japanese scouts report that they have discovered that the Russian troops are south of the Yalu in much stronger force than was thought.

RELIEF SUPPLIES

FOR THE INHABITANTS OF BOCAS DEL TORO.

PANAMA, March 25.—By recent decrees the second battalion of Panaman troops on the isthmus is disbanded, leaving only one battalion under the colors and the vessels forming the Panaman navy are offered for sale.

Owing to the recent fire at Bocas del Toro, the four government secretaries have been sent there by President Amador to study the means to be taken to repair the damages sustained by the town. They sailed from Colon last night on the United Fruit company's steamer, Preston, taking with them some relief supplies for the inhabitants who suffered from the conflagration.

President Amador yesterday gave a banquet to Second Vice President and former Governor Obaldia. William W. Russell, the retiring secretary of the United States legation and recently appointed minister to Colombia; Col. J. R. Shaler, the superintendent of the Panama Railroad Co.; Senor Arango and other prominent persons were present.

The legislative assembly adjourned yesterday afternoon.

Almost the entire commercial part of Bocas del Toro was destroyed by fire March 6.

LIVELY FIRE

ON PROPERTY OF LOCKS AND CANALS COMPANY.

A still alarm, late yesterday afternoon, summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively brush fire in Colonial avenue, Pawtucketville, the land being the property of the Locks & Canals Co. The department had quite a lively fire on their hands but soon got it under control.

OUT ON STRIKE

BEEF LUGGERS AND PORK BUTCHERS QUIT WORK.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Several hundred beef luggers and pork butchers at the Union Stock Yards have gone on strike. The luggers demand that one of the discharge deomrades be reinstated and the pork butchers demand overtime pay which they say has been withheld.

CONCORD RISING

LIKE THE MERRIMACK IT INCREASES IN VOLUME.

The Concord river has risen perceptibly within 24 hours, though not to any alarming extent. The rise has been gradual but steady and it is believed that the water will be much higher tomorrow than it is today. The residents of lower Davidson and Howe streets are somewhat worried for the slightest rise of the Concord sends the water into their cellars though as yet they have not been affected.

PROF. SCHUMANN DEAD.

BERLIN, March 25.—Prof. Carl Schumann, creator of the royal botanical museum, is dead. With the exception of the aged Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, no one probably had so comprehensive a knowledge of flowering plants as he. Prof. Schumann made large contributions to the "Flora Brasiliensis," edited by Eichler; has worked up the Flora of Kaiser Wilhelm's land and had studied deeply in tropical Africa. He was not yet 50 years of age.

OLD HAND TUB SHIPPED.

The old hand tub, which is to be exhibited at the St. Louis exposition, was sent to that city this morning by Chief Hosmer. The machine has been ready to send away for the past couple of weeks, but Chief Hosmer has been waiting for the $500 bond for the safe return of the tub.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

LIVERPOOL, March 25.—The grand national steeplechase (of 2525 sovereigns, about four miles and 856 yards) was run here today and was won by Moifa. Kirkland was second and The Gunner was third. Twenty-six horses started.

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COTTON REPORT

Decrease in Production Last Year

WASHINGTON, March 25—The final report of the census bureau on cotton ginning showing the total cotton production for 1903, gives the following:

Number of commercial bails, including linters, 10,292,551, against 11,275,105 for 1902.

The following table distributes the crop exclusive of linters in the United States: 10,265,073 commercial bales; 9,359,472 square bales; 770,208 round bales; 75,393 sea island bales.

The total crop reduced to a common basis as to size of bales is an equivalent of 9,851,125 500-pound bales, as against 10,670,995 500-pound bales in 1902. The number of bales counting round as half bales, including linters, was 10,044,451, against 10,784,473; the equivalent bales of a 500-pound standard, including linters, were 10,015,614, against 10,827,168 in 1902. The square bales, upland crop, reported from ginneries, which aggregated 9,359,472, shows a decrease of 633,193 from 1902; the round bales, upland crop, reported from ginneries, were 770,208, a decrease of 211,456; the bales of sea island cotton reported from ginneries were 75,393, a decrease of 29,560; and the bales of linters reported from cotton seed oil mills were 194,485, a decrease of 1738. These statistics were collected through a canvass of the individual ginneries of the cotton states by 631 local special agents, who found that 30,218 ginneries had been operated for the crop of 1903, compared with 30,918 for 1902. In the final canvass for this crop where ginneries had not finished up they were required to prepare careful estimates of the cotton which remained to be ginned. These estimates amounting to 76,401 commercial bales have been included in the totals given above.

JUMP IN PRICES.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The publication of the final report of the census bureau on cotton ginned from the 1903 crop was followed by a jump of about 20 points in prices. The advance met liquidation enough to cause a momentary reaction, but almost immediately buying orders began to reach the ring, trading became active and May sold up to 14.75 and July to 15 cents, net gains of over half a cent from last night's figures and an advance of about 90 points from the low point of the morning.

CASES OF BEER

OFFICERS FOUND TWO IN LAWRENCE STREET TENEMENT.

The liquor officers called at 461 Lawrence street last evening and seized a couple cases of beer. The police think they know who the stuff belonged to and a complaint of illegal keeping will be heard later.

WORKMEN DISCHARGED.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 25.—The American Locomotive Co. has discharged about one-half of its employes in the Scranton shops. Several draughtsmen have been transferred to the Schenectady shops.

The movement is said to be in harmony with the policy of retrenchment adopted in all of the small plants of the company.

UNION MEN HELD

Charged With Interfering With Boat's Crew

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 25—The seven union men who boarded the schooner S. P. Blackburn two weeks ago with Ernest Frokuhoffer, who was killed during the melee which followed, were today all held for the grand jury on the charge of interference and obstruction of the crew in varying amounts. Nothing resulting from the sensational admissions made yesterday by one of the number, Joseph Vern, came to light today, the testimony on which they were held being given by the mate and colored crew of the Blackburn, who are held as witnesses. Vern and James B. Carter, the alleged leader of the party, were each held in $1500 bonds, the other five $500 each.

DICKEN'S WORK

TEN SETS WILL SELL FOR $1,300,000.

BOSTON, March 25.—Ten sets of the works of Charles Dickens in 139 volumes, each said to have cost $130,000, are being printed by a local publishing house. When completed about eight years from now they will be sent to J. Pierpont Morgan, the Duke of Westminster and eight other men of wealth, who have agreed to contribute the total of $1,300,000 for the volumes.

GREAT DECREASE

IN PNEUMONIA'S FATALITIES IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Returns to the health department show an encouraging decrease in the pneumonia fatalities here. From the record mark of 350 deaths, reported from that cause in the week ending March 5, the fatal cases have fallen to 278 and a continued improvement is expected, owing to more favorable weather.

There has been no apparent decrease in the prevalence of influenza in the city and last week that disease was the direct cause of 32 deaths, only four less than in the preceding week.

FRANKLIN'S GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 25.—Mrs. S. A. Irwin, great granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin and granddaughter of Alexander James Dallas, is dead at her home in this city.

$900

I had placed with me for sale yesterday a cottage house of six rooms and pantry in Centralville, near the pumping station, for the above price.

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The last house I advertised in The Sun I sold at once because it was a bargain.

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STORM'S DAMAGE

Houses Unroofed and Several Injured

TWO FAMILIES HAD NARROW ESCAPES

Part of South Chicago Was Flooded

CHICAGO, March 25.—Further details of the damage caused by last night's storm in the suburbs of Chicago were obtained today. At Washington Heights several persons were injured and houses were blown down or unroofed. In Morgan Park and Fernwood the storm reached tornado proportions. Five houses were unroofed, another blown from its foundations and miles of telephone and telegraph poles were blown down. Twisted telegraph wires blocked the Rock Island and Pan Handle railway tracks. Sidewalks were wrenched from their places and thousands of yards of fences scattered through the streets.

Among the injured at Washington Heights was Mrs. S. Scharpler, who was badly cut by flying glass. The families of Peter Mellen and Mrs. R. Ray had narrow escapes. Mrs. Mellen and her daughters were in bed when the storm struck. In an instant the roof was carried away and the terrified women were drenched by the rain.

The Ray cottage was 200 feet away. Mrs. Ray and several friends were in the parlor when the roof of the Mellen house crashed upon their dwelling, wrecking the upper story.

A number of other houses and stores were badly damaged. Traffic on the Calumet electric street railway and the Chicago electric traction company, operating between Blue Island and Auburn Park, was tied up for hours.

Almost every house in Burnside was damaged in the storm. Chimneys were blown down, roofs torn away and there was scarcely an unbroken window left in the suburb. No one was injured so far as the police were able to learn. The water which had flooded this portion of the city rose about six inches in the storm.

In South Chicago the storm continued through the night, sweeping down telegraph poles and flooding a part of the town.

Fred Brunk of South Chicago and his wife were severely injured when the roof of their dwelling was blown off. Both were struck by bricks.

At 75th street and Railroad avenue, the wind blew the roof from a building occupied by Brown & Co., coal dealers, and hurled it against a car on the Calumet electric line filled with passengers. The car was knocked from the track. None of the passengers was seriously injured.

At Dauphin Park the Illinois Central station platform and roof were torn up by the wind and thrown across the tracks, stopping traffic for some time.

The situation in Dauphin Park is serious. Many acres of land are under several feet of water already and sidewalks in the south end of the town are submerged. Last night's storm added materially to the gravity of the situation. The total damage there is put at $15,000. The wind put an end to the Rogers Park street car service in North Clark street. Broken wires stopped all traffic during the night but police and firemen prevented fatalities.

Throughout Lakeview considerable damage was done by wind and rain.

In Evanston the wind blew down a number of trees and trolley poles and all traffic was suspended for a time.

FIERCE BLIZZARD.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 25.—A fierce blizzard is raging throughout Manitoba and the northwest. The snow is driven by a high northeast wind and the trails are in bad shape. Railways are also blocked. Canadian Pacific trains are late and branch lines are snowed up. The assize court at Brandon was postponed until the weather moderates. Two Canadian Pacific trains collided in the Brandon yards during the storm, badly damaging both engines and wrecking a number of cars. No one was killed.

WORST STORM YET.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., March 25.—Reports from northern North Dakota, Montana and Canada, say the worst storm of the winter is raging. Some places report two feet of snow.

FIERCE WIND STORM.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., March 25.—A fierce electrical and wind storm passed over this city last night, doing great damage to business houses and residences. The wires of the electric car lines and the telegraph and telephone wires were blown down. Word has been received that the Pennsylvania tracks are washed away at Crown Point.

FACTORIES CLOSED.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 25.—The flood situation is serious here today. Forty large factories have been obliged to close and thousands of men are out of work. The basements of all the large buildings in the wholesale district are flooded and the entire southwest section of the residence district is under water.

HOLLAND GETS RUSSIA'S SPACE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 25.—The space originally allotted to Russia for a national pavilion at the world's fair, has been awarded to Holland.

BILLS ARE PAID

The "Gloucester Outing" Catering Bill Settled

AND ALDERMAN HILL IS MUCH WISER

Man Who Ordered Goods "Soaked" for Deficit

The bills contracted at the Gloucester outing by the city council last year have been paid after a second collection was taken up and Alderman Hill who was the victim, vows that never again will he have anything to do with any outing committee.

The catering was ordered by Alderman Hill as chairman of the catering committee and the bills were presented in his name. When he looked around for money with which to pay the bill for catering he found none.

Then he went around among the members of the city council and heads of departments and told them that the bill must be paid. As a collection had been taken up previously for the payment of these bills, some of the members refused to be "touched" a second time and the result was the second collection was not sufficient by any means to pay the bill.

The caterer, however, stood out for the entire amount of the bill and held Alderman Hill personally responsible as the man who ordered the refreshments and Mr. Hill was forced to go into his own pocket for the deficiency.

BRAKEMAN'S BILL

WAS PASSED TODAY TO BE ENGROSSED.

BOSTON, March 25—A bill providing that all freight trains of 20 cars or more shall be equipped with no fewer than three brakemen, was passed to be engrossed today by the state house of representatives after a several days' debate. The present law fixes the number of brakemen at two.

PHILHARMONIC DIRECTOR DEAD.

BERLIN, March 25—Josef Rebick, for six years conductor of the Philharmonic orchestra of Berlin, is dead.

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You may be in a position to prove that statement. As a matter of fact, no store is in a better position to sell RIGHT CLOTHING at RIGHT PRICES. Our rent, lighting and advertising accounts are at least five or six times smaller than the big stores. And then, WE ARE ALWAYS ON DECK to look after the business.

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Our increasing business proves that the people are finding out THEY CAN DO BETTER HERE. COME IN AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.

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BUSINESS DULL

At the Different City Departments

RESULT OF DELAY OVER APPROPRIATIONS

Spring Work Will Not Start on Time

Business except that which never waits is all tied up at City Hall because of the failure of the annual appropriations to be made. No committee meetings have been held for their is no money for them to work on, although every appropriation has been approved, except that for the city store at the ambulance stable. The matter is laid on the table until one week from Tuesday, when both branches of the city council will meet and until that time there will be little business at the municipal building.

"I never saw it so dull," said Clerk Dowling to The Sun reporter this morning, but business will come soon and when it does after this delay we may expect it to come with a rush."

BETTING BRISK

Young Corbett is the Favorite

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 25—"Young Corbett" and Jimmy Britt meet tonight. Both men will be in the best possible condition for what is expected to prove one of the most sensational fights between lightweights ever waged in America. The two fighters have earned a reputation for straight conduct in the ring and both have had a brilliant career.

The California boy has never yet known defeat either as an amateur or in his two years' professional experience in the ring.

His opponent, the champion featherweight of the world, has lost but three fights in the four years during which he has been meeting all comers and taking desperate chances. The fight tonight will decide the future of both boxers and the winner will be hailed as the prospective lightweight champion of the world.

The men will fight straight Marquis of Queensbury rules. Until they enter the ring, both will be down to weight, although it is suspected that Corbett will go considerably lower, as it is understood he has been working toward this end. Both men passed a quiet day, although Corbett did some light work during the morning.

The betting has been brisk, each boxer having many friends and admirers. The heaviest money is behind the Denver boy, with the odds as a rule 10 to 6. A good deal of eastern money has been coming into town, most of it from friends of Corbett, but they are asking 8 to 10 in most cases. The house has been all sold out and it is calculated that theproceeds will amount to $40,000. It is estimated that fully 5000 people will be turned away, the accommodations at Woodward's pavilion being limited.

OLD TAR DEAD

CAPTAIN HALL DIED AT ROCKLAND, ME.

ROCKLAND, Me., March 25—Captain Andrew J. Hall, a well known sea captain who had made several voyages around the world, died suddenly today from paralysis, aged 73 years. Captain Hall had followed the se since 14 years old, retiring seven years ago.

He was in command of the Boston brig Golconda which foundered in the golf stream about 15 years ago and was rescued with his entire crew from the top of the afterhouse a few minutes before the vessel sunk.

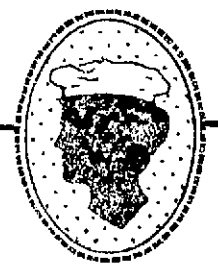
FUNERALS

CURTIS—The funeral services of the late Mrs. Augusta A. Curtis took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Thrasher, 42 Waugh street. Rev. Mr. Kingsley officiating. The body was taken to Mt. Vernon, N. H., this morning for burial.

WESCOTT—The funeral of Hannah L. Wescott took place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 302 Nesmith street. Services were held at St. John's church, Rev. Mr. Waters officiating. Burial was in the Lowell cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Currier.

SPRING MILLINERY OPENING.

Every lady should attend the opening of spring millinery at Johnson's, 314 Merrimack street, Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26.



It is a safe guide to good, wholesome cookery to watch the leading Teachers of Cookery. They all use Cleveland's Baking Powder

IN POLICE COURT

Young Man Sent to the Reformatory

Until official notice is received, relative to the abatement of diphtheria at the jail, Judge Hadley will continue to send drunken offenders who meet with direct sentences to the workhouse instead of to the jail. In police court today Thomas A. Niland, charged with drunkenness, was sentenced to the common jail for ten days but later the sentence was made to read ten days at the workhouse.

Several direct sentences were imposed and a few foolish appeals were taken. Frank Conole, above whose head a reformatory sentence was suspended, pleaded guilty to drunkenness. The suspension of the former sentence was revoked and he stood committed to the reformatory. He appealed and was ordered in $400 for the superior court.

Joseph Fontaine, for drunkenness, was sentenced to four months in the house of correction. Edward F. Lynch, for drunkenness, was sentenced to the state farm. He appealed and was ordered in $200 for the superior court.

Anton J. Swanson, charged with assault and battery on his wife, was placed on probation.

STRUCK BY POLE

Man Lived Only a Few Minutes

PAWTUCKET, R. I., March 25—Through the rolling of a pole from a truck, Hugh Maguire, aged 35, of Providence, employed on the pole gang of the Rhode Island company, was killed in the Darlington freight yards in this city today.

When the pole struck the ground, it bounded, striking Maguire upon the head and fracturing his skull. He died five minutes later. He was unmarried.

STATION BURNED

LOSS BY FIRE WILL REACH $40,000.

PRESQUE ISLE, Me., March 25—The electric lighting and heating station owned by the Presque Isle Electric Light company and the mill of the Aroostook Lumber company were burned early today.

The loss was estimated at not less than $40,000, on which there is a small insurance.

The total absence of wind saved adjoining property. The station in addition to the municipal lighting supplied power for the lumber mill and steam heat for nearly every business block in town, accommodating some sixty offices and stores.

The fire originated in the mill from a spark and spread to both structures before a line of hose could be laid.

The company owns another mill at Fort Fairfield so that their business will not be handicapped. Their spring drive of logs will go through to that town instead of being taken out here. The mill was built twenty-five years ago and the light station about 12 years ago.

LOTS OF FREIGHT

PASSING OVER THE FITCHBURG DIVISION.

GREENFIELD, Mass., March 25—A heavy volume of eastbound freight is passing over the Fitchburg division of the Boston & Maine railroad. Between Rotterdam Junction and Greenfield there are 3600 loaded cars and at the junction the railroad officials say there are miles of loaded cars. Frank Barr, the general manager of the Boston & Maine system, C. E. Lee, his assistant, J. W. Marden, general foreman of the car department and A. S. Cheever, division superintendent, have gone to Rotterdam to supervise the work of handling the vast amount of freight there and hurrying it to its destination.

Between Greenfield and Deerfield, 50 men are at work repairing the running gear of freight cars. Many of the cars had been stalled on sidings by ice and snow. The present rush is due to warm weather releasing the stalled cars.

PROBABLE CAUSE

WILSON HELD ON CHARGE OF MURDER.

FARMINGTON, Me., March 25—Chas. A. Wilson charged with murder in causing the death of Leroy A. Brackley, near Industry last Saturday pleaded not guilty when arraigned today.

Probable cause was found and he was held for the May term of the Supreme judicial court at Farmington. Brackley was shot twice near the heart and once in the abdomen. His body has been deposited temporarily in a local tomb.

SCALDED TO DEATH.

AN ENGINEER AND BRAKEMAN KILLED IN WRECK.

NILES, Mich., March 25—A westbound Michigan Central freight train was wrecked at midnight near here by a washout. Engineer Edward French and Brakeman Frank E. Young were scalded to death in the engine by escaping steam. Fireman Ross Moses was terribly scalded and may die. Ten freight cars were demolished.

First class suits at low prices at Cooper's.

A WIDOW'S AFFLICTION.

The many friends of Mrs. McInerny of 78 Tyler street will be pained to learn of the dangerous illness of her little daughter Addie, who has typhoid fever. Addie is a bright little girl of seven years. She is a pupil of the Training school and is a favorite with her schoolmates and teachers. Mrs. McInerny is having more than her share of trouble, her husband having died only four months ago.

Deposits made in the Lowell Five Cent Savings bank begin to draw interest April 2nd.

WATERBURY HELD

He Was Caught by the London Police

NEWPORT, R. I., March 25.—Chief of Police Richards received word today from Secretary of State Hay that a man giving his name as Harry Waterbury, who is wanted here and in Lenox, Boston and Montreal on charges of obtaining money in a fraudulent manner, is held by the London police. Last summer Waterbury was manager of the New York newspaper artists' association exhibition at the Casino here. It is said that he collected money in advance from several prominent residents under an agreement to paint pictures of their cottages and then failed to deliver the paintings. He left the city suddenly, but was caught later at Lenox, Mass. He escaped from the officers on the way to the jail and had not been heard from here since. Chief Richards has taken steps towards having Waterbury returned to this country.

WILL ARBITRATE

Lynn Strike Will Be Settled

LYNN, Mass., March 25.—Both parties to the turn workmen's strike and lockout controversy have decided to arbitrate and this means a settlement of the disturbing labor trouble between the Lynn shoe manufacturers' association and the Lynn branch of the shoe workers' protective union. The manufacturers at their secret conference yesterday, that was adjourned to this noon, decided to accept the offer of the state board of arbitration made through Richard P. Barry, and at a meeting of the turn workmen's executive board in the evening at which Mr. Barry was present, the workmen accepted the offer and appointed a conference committee of eight. This forenoon Mr. Barry and William Howland of the state board came to Lynn to meet the committee of both parties. This meeting will undoubtedly result in an amicable adjustment of the difficulty that has for a week past threatened general disruption of the shoe trade of the city and the enforced idleness of several thousand operatives. The outcome is expected to be that the state board will be given authority to adjust the matter and give its decision on the disputed price question. Secretary J. Henry Watson of the manufacturers' association has gone to Philadelphia on business and has placed the duties in the hands of Frank P. Aborn of C. H. Aborn & Co., the projector of the manufacturers' association.

PACEY SET FREE

Boston Man Able to Prove Alibi

LYNN, March 25—Lynn police officers, with men who saw the three men with whom John Tucker had the altercation that ended in one of them killing him with a revolver bullet Wednesday night, went to Boston this morning to attempt identification of David Pacy, night clerk at the Hotel Westminster, arrested through the efforts of Inspectors Colby and Fitzgerald of the Lynn police at the hotel during the night.

David H. Pacy, night clerk of the Westminster Chambers, established an alibi today. Five witnesses testified that he was at the hotel at the time of the Lynn shooting.

Lynn officers arrived here today with a warant against David H. J. Pacy, night clerk of the Westminster Chambers in this city, who was detained last night on suspicion of being the man who shot John J. Tucker, an expressman in Lynn on Wednesday night. Pacy was turned over to the Lynn police after a preliminary hearing at police headquarters.

W. A. Barron, manager of the hotel, and four persons employed there, testified that Pacy was at the hotel at the time of the shooting in Lynn.

The clerk will be given a hearing in that city.

COMPANY M MEDALS.

The annual meeting of Company M, of the Ninth regiment, did not take place at the state armory in Westford street last night. Owing to the late arrival of the medals and buttons for the marksmen and long-service men there was not time to sort them out, so Capt. McNulty postponed presentation until next Thursday night, when a smoke talk and general good time will follow the presentation.

DOUBLE GREEN Trading Stamps

Special for Saturday

100 Stamps with 1 pound of Baking Powder.

60 Stamps with 1 pound of 60c Tea.

40 Stamps with 1 pound of 50c Tea.

20 Stamps with 1 pound of 35c Coffee.

10 Stamps with 1 pound of 25c Coffee.

2 for 1 on Crockery, Glassware, Tinware, etc.

O'BRIEN BROS. Tea Dealers

227 Central Street

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—We will build to suit purchaser one two-tenement house and one cottage on Wilder street, near Normal school. Inquire of B. H. Wiggin, 59 Franklin street.

FOR SALE—New up-to-date two-flat house with large lot of land, one minute's walk from electric cars; Epping street, Wigginville; price $2000; easy payments. Inquire of B. H. Wiggin, 59 Franklin street.

FOR SALE—Modern cottage with store in basement, will sell on easy terms; Morton street, Wigginville; price $1600. Inquire of B. H. Wiggin, 59 Franklin street.

TO LET

TO LET—In private family, pleasant furnished room, centrally located, gas and bath. 522 Central street.

TO LET—A tenement of five rooms, bath, pantry and large yard, will be vacant after first of April. Inquire 411 Broadway.

TO LET—Cottage house of seven rooms in good repair on Batchelder place, off Walker street; price low. Inquire of Wm. A. Read, 228 Liberty street.

TO LET—Near Dracut navy mill, comfortable tenements, 75 cents per week. Inquire 240 Varnum avenue.

TO LET—Two 5-room tenements 12 Rogers street; rooms all newly painted, papered, also whitened; rents low. Apply at M. Wyman's, 62 Middlesex street.

FOR RENT—874 Lakeview avenue, 8 room house in good condition; also house-lots for sale by Captain Harry Read, 871 Lakeview avenue.

TO LET—Good tenement of 8 rooms in Belvidere. For particulars apply at the Belvidere drug store, corner of High and Andover streets.

IF YOU are thinking of moving this spring come and see what we can offer you in a tidy, comfortable tenement for small money; if you want an extra healthful home of from three to five rooms where you will have quiet, self-respecting neighbors, call and see us. T. H. Elliott, 61 Central street.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 343 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinbach, room 9, Barristers hall.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, March 23, 1904. The Committee on Banks and Banking will give a hearing to parties interested in part two (2) of the twenty-eighth annual report of the board of Commissioners of Savings Banks; Public Document No. 8, relating to Co-operative banks, at room No. 446, State House, on Wednesday, March 30, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. Elisha H. Brewster, Chairman. Daniel J. O'Brien, Clerk of the Committee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, March 22, 1904. The Committee on Relations between Employers and Employes will give a hearing to parties interested in House bill No. 524 to promote amicable relations between labor and capital, and to lessen the conflict between employer and employe, and also House bill No. 948 an to pension funds for railroad and street railway employes, at room No. 240, State House, on Tuesday, March 29, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. Geo. R. Wallace, Chairman. Edward C. Stone, Clerk of the Committee.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Ralph W. E. Milliken of Malden, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Minnie A. Milliken, wife of said Ralph W. E. Milliken, in her right, to the Andover Savings bank, dated July second, 1900, and recorded with Middlesex (North Dist.) Registry of Deeds, libro 324, folio 321, will be sold at public auction, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, on Monday, the eleventh day of April, 1904, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises hereinafter described, two certain parcels of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Lowell, in said county and commonwealth, on the westerly side of Rea street, and being lots numbered twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Lowell and Tewksbury, Mass., belonging to Shepard, Russell and Fuller, surveyed March, 1891, M. B. Smith, C. E.," which plan is recorded in Middlesex North Dist. Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 8, Plan 7, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the westerly line of said Rea street, at the northeasterly corner of the premises, and at lot No. 22 on said plan, thence running westerly by said lot No. 22 one hundred thirty-five and 79-100 (135.79) feet, more or less, to lot No. 10 on said plan; thence southerly by lots No. 10 and 11 one hundred and 33-100 (100.33) feet, more or less, to lot No. 19 on said plan; thence easterly by said lot No. 19 one hundred forty-three and 98-100 (143.98) feet, more or less, to said Rea street; thence northerly by said Rea street one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 13,988.25 square feet, more or less. Also two (2) other lots of land situated in said Lowell, on the easterly side of Berkeley avenue, being lots No. 74 and 75 on said plan, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly line of said Berkeley avenue, at the northwesterly corner of the premises, at lot No. 73 on said plan, thence running easterly by said lot No. 73 ninety-eight and 73-100 (98.73) feet, more or less, to land of one Hesse; thence southerly by said Hesse land one hundred and 4-100 (100.00) feet to lot No. 76 on said plan; thence westerly by said lot No. 76 one hundred one and 20-100 (101.20) feet, more or less, to said Berkeley avenue; thence northerly by said Berkeley avenue one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 9996 square feet, more or less. Being a part of the premises conveyed to said Milliken by Henry C. Fuller, by deed dated February 2, 1899, and recorded with Middlesex North Dist. Deeds, Lib. 591, Fol. 186.

Terms, $200 down; further conditions at sale.

ANDOVER SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee.

By Frederick S. Boutwell, Treasurer. March 18, 1904.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Situation at light housework of minding children. Inquire 160 South street.

WANTED—By a young man, a position in a store or office; speaks English and French languages. Please call or write to 577 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Situation as housekeeper by reliable woman. Apply at Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by a pastry cook; can give references. Address O. P., Sun office.

WANTED—A position as nurse girl by a New Brunswick girl who has had considerable experience with children. Address Z. A., Sun office.

WANTED—A situation as coachman. Inquire at this office.

WANTED—A situation by a middle-aged woman at light housework or would mind children able to attend school or would wash dishes in a hotel or restaurant. Inquire at 33 Crosby street.

WANTED

You Need a Register

U need the best. We take care of your stock as well as your money. International Mfg. Co., room 45, Donovan bldg.

CASH FOR TRADING STAMPS Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Room 7, Swan building, 26 Central street.

TRADING STAMPS—Special for two weeks on Green and Red, White and Blue; we will give 100 Green or Red, White and Blue with 1 lb. of our 60c tea; 60 with our 50c tea, 30 with our 35c coffee, 30 dark blue with our 60c tea, 60 with 50c tea, 30 with our 35c coffee; light blue same as dark blue. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., Davis square, at the junction of Thorndike street and Gorham.

$5 SAVED, another's made happy; he read The Sun adv.; all kinds repairs. All Round Mechanic, 1 Charles Street court, 2 flights.

WANTED—Gentlemen dealers. 372 Bridge street.

WANTED—To rent a suite of rooms in a very central location to a refined, discreet young lady; can board herself; one who works in a store preferred. Address for one week J., Sun office.

WANTED—Boarders and roomers; will use you all right; come and try us. Mrs. Wisted, 131½ Colburn street.

WANTED—Dress making, reception and children's dresses are given every attention. Mrs. J. M. Brown, 247 Appleton St.

STOVES—New and second-hand bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

WANTED—A good home for a child three months old. Inquire 131½ Colburn street.

WANTED—To board children; cared for by experienced mother; reasonable price. Mrs. P. L., Sun office.

WANTED—Everybody in Billerica to buy Zomo Washing Fluid of J. S. Walsh. Makes washing easy.

MRS. A. BLANCHARD'S new lying-in hospital at 858 Pleasant street, Dracut Centre, is now all equipped for patients. Telephone 231-4.

WANTED—For cash, a place 5 to 30 acres close to a city and electrics. Call or write to the Arlington house, Lowell. Mr. Dalton. Call 6 to 8 p. m.

You can't expect to weave white satin with blackened hands, any more than you can expect good results from papers with a bogus circulation.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THERE WILL BE a Rummage Sale at 181 Middlesex street Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Contributions solicited for church benefit.

NOTICE—To give stamp collectors a chance to fill their books quickly we will give double stamps all this week. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union Station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Experienced loopers. Apply Waukenbeak Knitting company, 140 Fletcher street.

WANTED—Men everywhere; good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs, etc.; no canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

LADIES to do sewing at home on ladies' collars; materials free; send stamped envelope for particulars. National Mfg. Co., 266A West 116th street, New York.

WANTED—Mandolin agents for small town; no fake. A. M. Randall, 621 Main street, Cincinnati, O.

$65 PER WEEK sure selling our new patents; free samples guaranteed any agent answering this advertisement at once. Braham Co., 1103, Cincinnati, O.

LADIES—$15 per week sewing at home, materials free; no canvassing; beautiful sample sent free on receipt of addressed envelope. Majestic Lace Co., New York.

WANTED — Immediately, experienced dressmaker, who can cut and sew. Apply 103 Gorham street. Royal Cloak Store.

LADY WANTED—Money may be earned; artistic employment at home; gilding tickets; write for particulars, enclosing stamped envelope. J. L. Noel, 129 W. 125th street, New York.

MAN WANTED—Money may be earned; artistic employment at home; gilding tickets; write for particulars, enclosing stamped envelope. J. L. Noel, 129 W. 125th street, N. Y.

ANY INTELLIGENT PERSON may earn $10 to $100 monthly in spare time corresponding for newspapers; no canvassing; send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

WANTED—Chamber and kitchen girl, 179 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Man for farm work, also a tenement to let. Inquire of John E. Foster, end of Andover street car line.

WOMEN TO SEW at home, plain sewing only; steady work, good pay; no materials to buy and sent everywhere free; send reply envelope for particulars and wages we pay. Du Pont Co., Dept. S. D. N., Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED everywhere, people to copy letters at home, spare time, and return to us; good pay, materials sent free; no selling or canvassing; enclose addressed envelope for particulars and wages we pay. Guarantee Co., Dept. 8373, Philadelphia, Pa.

JOB COMPOSITOR WANTED: Must be a first class man, able to produce good quantity of high grade miscellaneous job composition; permanent place, best of wages, attractive office. The Andover Press, Andover, Mass.

WANTED—A boy. Inquire at this office.

WANTED—Experienced salesladies at the Reliable Cooper's Cloak and Suit store, 320 Merrimack street. Good pay to the right party.

WANTED—To work on the farm young man and wife from the country. Call at Lord's market, 525 Massachusetts street, near Northern depot.

WANTED—To hire experienced man to run matcher. Apply A. A. Flint, box factory, Tyngsboro.

WANTED—Finish stitchers at the Criterion Knitting Co., 220 Tanner street.

WANTED—Housegirl for a family of two. Apply at 8 Coral street.

WANTED—An experienced kitchen girl. Apply at Quincy house, 53 Lee street.

WANTED—At once, experienced worsted spinners. Apply at Brookside mills, Brookside, Mass. Transportation paid to and from Lowell.

WANTED—A clean, honest man first as salesman then as manager; references required. D. Appleton & Co., New York. See Mr. Chesley, 10 to 12 a. m. Saturday, at 51 Middlesex street, Lowell.

WANTED—Experienced bookkeeper and cashier at the Bell Shoe & Clothing Co.

WANTED—Coat maker at once, permanent job. 473 Merrimack street. A. Caron.

WANTED—Experienced coat and pants makers. Raymond & Snyder, 232 Middlesex street.

LADIES can have permanent income assured by pleasant, respectable effort. For full particulars send two-cent stamp to Swan Mason & Co., Arlington, Mass.

$32 WEEKLY; home work two hours daily; no outfit to buy; send addressed envelope for instructions. Nassau Supply Co., 150 Nassau St., New York.

HOME WORK—$9 weekly during spare time; no canvassing, experience or money needed; enclose stamp for outfit, instructions, etc. Address Universal Co., 325 W. 23d street, New York.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Opposite Immaculate Conception church, Thursday evening, pair of lady's brown velvet gloves. Owner may have by paying for adv. at Sun.

LOST—Pair of glasses in case between Merrimack, Dutton and Broadway up to School. Return to office of A. G. Pollard.

LOST—Monday, a double heart gold brooch pin between Middlesex and Fulton streets. Return to Sun office.

LOST—A lady's pocketbook containing sum of money and tickets between Northern depot and Carpet mills. Reward at 125 Branch street.

LOST—Between 72 Canton street and corner of Westford and Wilder streets, a brown wrist bag. Finder will please return to 72 Canton street.

LOST—Saturday evening at Associate hall, a bunch of keys. Finder kindly leave them at 153 Appleton street. Call for Miss Mitchell.

FOUND—A lady's gold watch. Inquire at 21 Oliver street after 6 in the evening.

LOST—At Lakeview March 12th, two black and tan fox hounds, one with collar marked Frank L. Barrett, Sterling Junction, Mass.; the other dog has tip of one chipped. For reward notify F. L. Barrett, 12 Belknap street, Nashua.

THE WOMAN that picked up the terrier dog on Central street last Tuesday night had better let him loose or return him or there is trouble for her.

LOST—A great deal of time is lost hunting for a tenant or a tenement. Advertise in The Sun and save time.

LANDLORDS.

If you have a tenement idle that rents for $15 a month, you are losing 50 cents a day every day it is vacant. A little ad. in The Sun "To Let" column will rent your tenement in a very few days. Others have tried it with good results; why don't you try it?

FOR SALE

370 BRIDGE STREET, White Sewing Machine Co.—Ladies, before buying try our Automatic drop machine; we have several other makes; you are sure to get suited; good second hand machines on hand; give us a call.

FOR SALE—An 18 flat German silver circular bass; also upright Sterling piano and folding bed at 236 Bridge street.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—From brown and white leghorns, 50 cents; barred Plymouth rocks, 75 cents per 13. T. Baird, 30 Hadley street.

FOR SALE—Confectionery and variety store with bakery; full line of cigars and tobacco, hosiery and small wares; good tonic stand in summer; tenement of four rooms and large garden with pear trees; rent only $10 monthly; will sell cheap; reason, leaving city. Inquire Sun office.

FOR SALE—Lodging house, good reasons for selling, parties leaving city. Inquire Sun office.

FOR SALE—Top buggy cheap, also chamber sets. Call forenoons and evenings at 88 First street.

FOR SALE—52-acre farm in Tyngsboro; 20 acres wood. Mrs. Carville, 36 Fort Hill avenue.

FOR SALE—Eggs for hatching from heavy laying strain of barred Plymouth Rocks at 5c each. 24 Epping street, Wigginville.

FOR SALE—Hard, soft, and kindling wood at Eugene Paquin's, 187 Chelmsford street.

FOR SALE—New milch Jersey cows. Apply A. Fells, 989 Lakeview avenue.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2¼ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

FOR SALE—A boarding house, rooms all occupied at present, at 235 Appleton street; if sold at once will let it go at $150; there are 12 rooms in the house and all furnished; sickness the only cause for wanting to sell. Inquire at 235 Appleton street.

FOR SALE—Very large boarding and lodging house, centrally located, very near P. O., all modern conveniences, hot and cold water, steam heat, gas; best location in city; doing big business at present. Further particulars at Sun office.

FOR SALE—To mend your stove bricks use Eagle Stove Clay. Hardware and stove dealers sell it in three size packages.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 350 ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers, 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack St.

MISCELLANEOUS

MME. KATHERINE, palmist, 183 Appleton street; advice on all matters pertaining to material interest of her visitors; card readings.

RAYMOND MULLIN, graduate trained nurse, having gold medal and diploma from training school; nursing by hour or day. 372 Merrimack street.

FRENCH LESSONS—Pupils wanted by young French woman, thoroughly conversant with the best methods of instruction in French; French conversation a specialty; terms reasonable. Mlle. Mathilde Bertrand, 540 Merrimack street.

MRS. FLETCHER, 769 Gorham street, trance medium and card reader.

FOR SALE—Big brown eggs for hatching from thoroughbred barred Plymouth rocks, 4 cents each. Ernest Vincent, Amesbury street, Elsmere.

GENUINE GLORIA has printed cap and label on each bottle; look out for freak imitators; we are sole agents for Gloria. Hoyle Bros. Telephone.

STORAGE—First class storage room for furniture; private rooms from $2 to $4 a month, according to size, at 255 Hildreth street. Call there or at 507 Merrimack street.

LAWN MOWERS sharpened and repaired, 75c and $1. James Moulton, 24 Davis street.

MISS UPHAM, clairvoyant and card reader; cards read 25c. 81 Merrimack St., corner John.

MRS. CLARA ADAMS, clairvoyant card reader and ladies' employment office. 355 Gorham street, opposite Court house.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge street. Telephone.

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BUILDING OUTLOOK

What The Architects And Builders Are Doing

Prospects for Season Not the Best—Effects of Mill Strike Still Felt—Real Estate Transactions

Building operations in Lowell at the present time are anything but brisk. The spring of each year generally finds the architects busily engaged making plans, while the contactors are preparing to build, and while there is little in the building line at the present time, there are bright prospects for the future. One of the principal causes for the slump in the building line is the high price of material and many prospective builders are holding off anxiously awaiting a drop in prices. Whether there will be a drop remains to be seen.

A well known local architect in conversation with a representative of The Sun said:

"There is very little going on in the building line at the present time owing to the fact that people believe that building material is too high and that they are waiting for it to come down. It is true that material is high, but no higher than it has been for the past two or three years, and I am afraid that the people who intend building will be disappointed if they wait for any reduction in prices. Just as soon as the people find out that the price of building material will not take a drop, they will start to build.

"I do not believe that the people have yet fully recovered from the strike of last spring, and the numerous strikes and trouble with the building trades around the eastern states have injured the local prospects to some extent in this city. As I said before, I believe that the outlook for the future is bright."

There is no doubt there will be plenty of work for the building crafts until the busy season sets in. The fires during the early part of the year will keep a large number of workmen busy; while small repairs and alterations are being made in many buildings throughout the city.

Among the big jobs now on hand are the Fellows' building, Albion block, Bascom building, Odd Fellows' building and St. Patrick's church. It will be some time before these are completed and probably before then there will be considerable change for the better in the building line.

Speaking of building we are glad to note that Lowell has made rapid strides in that line during the past ten years, and the number of buildings included within the city limits has grown wonderfully. Did you ever try to figure about how many buildings there are in Lowell at the present time? It would be a pretty hard job to come within a thousand of the number unless you had some source from which you could get the information, and no doubt after you learned the total number you would be surprised and wonder where they are all located.

Thinking it might interest the public, a Sun reporter looked up the local building statistics and found there are 16,941 buildings in Lowell. Of this number, 15,894 are of wooden construction, 996 of brick, 49 of stone and 3 of iron.

Of the brick buildings, 689 are blocks, 623 mills, 21 churches and 22 schools.

The wooden structures consist of 11,165 residences, stores and blocks, 164 mill buildings, 24 churches, 28 school houses, 2,262 stables and 2,261 sheds.

There are 42 stone buildings and seven stone churches, and as above stated three iron buildings.

The blocks in question have all the way from four to twenty tenants.

Perhaps the best authorities for noticing the rapid growth in the building line are the officials at the local postoffice. They have to keep track of the growth of the city and put on additional carriers as the number of buildings increases.

The building up of the suburbs of the city has been very rapid during the past decade and we are glad to note the fact that the erection of the single and double tenement houses has been the popular plan. With the fine street railway facilities which Lowell has at the present time the working people find they can reside in the outskirts of the city and also be within a few minutes ride of their work.

Owners of large tenement blocks find it very difficult to let tenements, while on the other hand as soon as a single or double tenement house is built in the suburbs there are plenty of applicants for them. It has got so now that a man can have a house for his family alone with a nice roomy yard in the suburbs of the city almost as cheap as a tenement in one of the large blocks in the city where the breathing space is limited. It is much healthier to have a little space to breathe in in the country than being confined in the hot, stuffy tenement blocks in the city.

It is a well known fact that the building laws of this city are very poor, but it seems strange that nothing is done to remedy them. We could cite many instances where it is weak, but it would be useless to go into detail as the majority of the people know the main weaknesses.

It has got to be so now that the contractors, to a great extent, wholly ignore the ordinance relating to the construction and repair of buildings and go ahead with their work not bothering to apply to the superintendent of public buildings for a permit to build or make repairs or alterations. There is a punishment attached to the violation of this ordinance and if an example was made of some of these people who continually violate the rules a stop might be put to it.

Section one of the approved ordinance of December 27, 1901, reads as follows:—

"Before the repair, erection, construction or material alteration of any building, the owner, architect or builder thereof shall file with the superintendent of buildings a statement in writing giving the intended location of such building, its dimensions, materials, manner of construction and estimated cost. If such building is to be repaired, erected or materially altered within the fire limits of the city, such owner, architect or builder shall, in addition to the statement aforesaid submit for examination full specifications and plans of the proposed repairs, buildings or alterations; the owner or contractor shall also sign an agreement that the proposed work shall be done in accordance with the description set forth in such plans, specifications and statement, and all such matters and things connected with such work shall be done in strict compliance with this chapter. If it appears from said statement plans and specifications that the building to be erected, altered or repaired will conform to the provisions of this chapter, so far as applicable thereto, then the superintendent of buildings shall issue a permit. No person shall repair, construct or materially alter any building without such permit."

Section three of the same chapter reads as follows: "Any person who shall violate the provisions of Section one of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars ($20) for each offence."

This ordinance is practically a farce; few builders, if any, bother to submit their plans to the superintendent of buildings. Sometimes the contractor, builder or architect applies for a permit to build when he has finished the job, while on the other hand many wait until the building is completed and then apply for a permit. These violations should be stopped, or else the guilty parties should be punished. It is just as easy to apply for a permit before building as it is afterwards.

The contracts for the remodelling of the Albion block, which was damaged by fire in January, have been awarded and work was commenced Wednesday. It will be remembered that Messrs. Constantine O'Donnell and Patick Gilbride purchased the building a short time ago from the Wyman heirs, and shortly after the purchase the owners had Architect Millard F. Davis draw up plans. Mr. Davis has completed the plans and the building when finished will be one of the most up-to-date in the city.

The new building will be four stories high as before the fire, but instead of the Mansard roof, which was destroyed by fire, the building will have a flat roof, it being a continuation of the roof of the O'Donnell & Gilbride building at the corner of Merrimack and Middle streets and will be made into practically one building, though there will be no connections, excepting on the first floor, where the store is located. The windows on the top floor of the Albion block will be of the same pattern as the windows on the top floor of the corner building, but the plan of the brick work on the front of the building of the second and third stories will be practically the same as in the old building.

Where the entrance to the building is now located will be a large double door entrance to the dry goods store and the entrance to the upper floors will be at the extreme western end of the building, next to the Bascom block.

It is understood that the second floor will be fitted in such a manner that the rooms can be let for office purposes, while the third and fourth floors will consist of lodging rooms. There will be wash bowls in every room, the latest pattern of fire escapes on the rear of the building and the fire exits will be numerous enough to insure perfect safety in case of fire.

The mason work will be done by Patrick Conlon and Charles Varnum will do the woodwork. The contract for heating and piping has been given to Welch brothers.

Work has also been commenced on the Bascom building in Merrimack street, which was almost totally destroyed by fire. The plans for this building are very elaborate and have been drawn by Architect Davis. Joseph Jalbert has the mason work in hand while Whittet and McDonald will do the carpenter work, and Arthur Knapp the iron work.

The former building was a three-story affair with a flat roof, but the new building when completed will be the same height as the Mechanics bank building which adjoins it. It will consist of four stories, the first two having a glass frontage and will be used by the O'Donnell & Gilbride company for their dry goods store.

The entrance to the store and the entrance to the rooms on the third and fourth floors will be in the same places as in the old building, but the main entrance to the store will be a mammoth one, the design being novel and unique. It will be two stories high, with circular top and will be brilliantly lighted with incandescents.

The window space for the store will be much larger than before. The third and fourth floors will be used for lodging rooms and will be equipped with all modern and up-to-date improvements and requisites.

The work on the old Odd Fellows' building in Merrimack street, which was damaged by fire in January, is well under way, and Contractor Chas. P. Conant is pushing it ahead rapidly. It will be remembered that the fire damaged only the third and fourth floors, and it is the upper part of the building which is receiving the attention of Mr. Conant.

The third floor, which contained the large lodge room and ante-rooms will be re-built practically the same, but will be equipped with toilet rooms. There will be quite a change on the top floor, however. The entire upper floor will be divided into two large halls. The stairways and halls from the second floor up will be remodelled and fine roomy halls and stairs will take the place of the old narrow and winding flights.

The halls on the upper floor will be much brighter than heretofore as numerous skylights are being placed in position. It was found necessary to put in a new roof as the fire destroyed the former one and while the roof will be flat like the old one, much of the waste space will be utilized, making a higher studding for the halls on the upper floor. Stickney and Austin drew the plans for the remodelling of this building.

The work of rebuilding the Fellows' building in Middle street, which was destroyed by fire on the night of the 12th of January, is progressing rapidly under the direction of Contractor Burtt. It is the intention of Mr. Burtt to push the work ahead as fast as possible, as the owner of the building feels

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The progress of the city toward underground wires is well brought out in the annual report of Wire Inspector J. F. McElholm, which shows that during the year the Lowell Electric Light corporation has removed 54 poles and 60 miles of wires, greatly adding to the appearance of the streets and eliminating a source of danger.

The report refers to the danger of fire when wires are strung above steel ceilings and reads:

"Great care should be used when installing electric wiring where steel ceilings are used, as the possibility of ground and short circuiting is very great and it requires careful and competent workmanship to prevent trouble arising."

The inspector, among his recommendations, has the following to say:

"I would recommend to the city council the passing of an ordinance compelling the gas company and the gas and steam fitters to secure a permit from the inspector of wires office before installing or altering pipes in buildings where electric wires are used. The custom in the past has been to do this work without knowledge or care of how electric wires were crossed. I have found cases where gas pipes were in close proximity to electric wires, and crossed and re-crossed, indiscriminate of the danger of grounding and short circuiting, and while I cannot trace any fires to this cause, the danger is always there and may result in serious loss if not checked in time."

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Yesterday and the previous day the store was crowded with admiring visitors and many took advantage of the display by purchasing a suit or jacket, as it seemed almost impossible to leave their establishment without selecting something from their elegant stock.

Mr. O. M. Cherry is the manager of this store and has branch houses in Brockton and Fall River. In selecting stock for their three large houses they have the advantage of buying in large quantities, thereby always getting the lowest prices, which is a great advantage, as they can sell for less money than any other cloak and suit house in Lowell.

Their opening will continue for the balance of the week and the public is cordially invited to attend.

MAN MISSING

HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Ulderic Bordleau has been missing from his home at 141 Aiken street since March 17. He is 27 years old, about 5 feet 2 inches in height and has a patch of white hair on the back of his head. He wore a dark overcoat, dark suit and dark stiff hat.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Two non-commissioned officers and five privates of the United States marine corps are being tried by general court martial here on the charge of robbing Captain Robert S. Wynne, while acting quartermaster at the barracks here last August, of $1000 worth of supplies. The stealing was revealed in Panama by the confessing of one of the culprits to Captain Wynne.

WEALTHY EXPERT

Sued by Former Lowell Woman

BOSTON, March 25.—A balm of $5000 for blasted heart hopes and the alleged refusal to keep his promise of marriage has brought about a breach of promise suit instituted by Miss Mary Burke, a lodging house keeper of 7 Davis street, in the South End, against wealthy Thomas McCormick, the noted paper-making expert, lately connected with the International Paper company, and now in charge of the interests of an important British syndicate.

Mr. McCormick is one of the best known men in the paper trade in the East, and has held some of the most responsible positions with the great paper companies and the paper trust.

Mr. McCormick has been known among his acquaintances in this city as a man of the greatest geniality, tall, handsome, always immaculately attired, and carrying an air of distinction about him.

He is said to be a man of about 55 years of age, a widower, and the father of six children.

Last night Miss Burke said:

"I first met Mr. McCormick at my former home in Binghamton, N. Y., and after I came to Boston from my former work in the mills at Lowell, Mass., took this lodging house and have conducted it ever since.

"Mr. McCormick while in the employ of the International Paper company, during six years, made my house the object of his visits when in this city.

"If I did not have a room suitable to his needs at his disposal he used to make his headquarters at the Park house, but spent his evenings courting me."

It is said that Mr. McCormick is a man estimated to be worth in the neighborhood of $60,000, and while speaking of this, Miss Burke said that this was one of the main reasons why the family of Mr. McCormick opposed the marriage so strenuously.

WANTS DIVORCE

PAPERS FILED BY MRS. RUPERTA MAY WHITTIER.

HAVERHILL, March 25.—Mrs. Ruperta May Whittier has filed a petition in the superior court for an absolute divorce from her husband, Capt. David F. Whittier.

The latter, who disappeared Dec. 15, 1903, after being elected alderman from ward 1 on the republican ticket, has not since been heard from, although two months after his disappearance it was reported that he had enlisted in the regular army in New York. He was recently court-martialed by officers of the M. V. M. for disobedience of orders in absenting himself from his command, Co. F, 8th infantry, M. V. M., of this city without leave, but the finding of the court has not as yet been announced.

In her petition for a divorce Mrs. Whittier says that she was married in South Waterboro, Me., in 1891, and she charges her missing husband with wanton and cruel neglect. She also asks for the custody of her two minor children.

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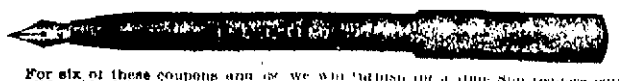

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BY THREE POINTS

Lowell Took Second Game From Manchester

WACHTER CREDITED WITH SIX BASKETS

Natick Defeated So. Framingham at Last

Lowell took the second game in the post season series with Manchester last night. The score was 24 to 21 and it was not until the last few minutes of play that the home team clinched the game. It was the closest contest these teams have played and the Manchesters, strengthened by Wachter of Haverhill, put up the gamest kind of an argument all the way through. At the close of the first period the score stood even at nine points each. The close of the second period found Lowell in the lead by five points and then both teams settled down to sizzling play.

Pretty soon Manchester drew up and within five minutes of the finish the teams had 19 points each to their credit and the rooters were in their element. Such cheering and wild yelling one could scarcely imagine as were heard at this point. Finally Lowell was awarded a point on fouls and there was another outbreak on the part of the loyal rooters for the home team. Tigue came in just at the right time and sent Lowell two more points ahead with an easy basket. Manchester got a point on a third foul and Lowell was also rewarded for foul work on the part of Manchester so that the sound of the gong found the home team winners—24 to 21.

Wachter was the star performer of the night in several ways. He threw five baskets on Toby Mathews and he had 11 fouls chalked up against him. Wachter showed that he can play the game and his work was in striking contrast to his performance the night before against South Framingham. At times he was unnecessarily rough, but this was because he jumped into every kind of a scrimmage and regardless of the chances that he took. Kane and Qualey nearly came to blows and only for the interference of the referee and some of the players there would have been a few passes. The trouble between the pair started after the men had jumped for the ball and Qualey had tossed Kane. The latter arose and started for the Manchester captain and the bleacherites stood up to see the fun, but were disappointed when Referee Godley jumped between the two players.

Some of the Manchester sympathizers were inclined to criticise the referee and claimed that he handed Manchester the worst end of the deal, but there were others not interested as to the winner of the game, but only desirous of witnessing a lively contest who believed that the teams were treated alike and that there was no cause for complaint.

Considerable money was wagered on the game, even money prevailing. The third game will be played in Manchester tomorrow night. The next Lowell game will be next Thursday night.

Lineup and summary:

LOWELL.	MANCHESTER.
Kane lf	rb Qualey
Mathews rf	lb Wachter
Getzinger c	c Lynch
Leighton lb	rf Donnelly
Tigue rb	lf Devlin

FIRST PERIOD.

Goal, Lowell, Tigue..... 2— 0
Goal, Lowell, Kane..... 4— 0
Third foul, Lowell, Tigue..... 4— 1
Goal, Manchester, Wachter..... 4— 3
Goal, Manchester, Wachter..... 4— 5
Goal, Lowell, Leighton..... 6 5
Third foul, Manchester, Lynch..... 7— 5
Goal, Manchester, Wachter..... 7— 7
Third foul, Lowell, Mathews..... 7— 8
Third foul, Manchester, Qualey..... 8— 8
Third foul, Manchester, Donnelly.... 9— 8
Third foul, Lowell, Mathews..... 9— 9

SECOND PERIOD.

Third foul, Manchester, Devlin.....10— 9
Third foul, Manchester, Wachter....11— 9
Goal, Lowell, Kane.....13— 9
Third foul, Lowell, Kane.....13—10
Goal, Lowell, Kane.....15—10
Third foul, Manchester, Qualey.....16—10
Goal, Lowell, Leighton.....18—10
Third foul, Lowell, Mathews.....18—11
Goal, Manchester, Wachter.....18—13

THIRD PERIOD.

Third foul, Manchester, Qualey.....19—13
Goal, Manchester, Wachter.....19—15
Goal, Manchester, Devlin.....19—17
Goal, Manchester, Donnelly.....19—19
Third foul, Manchester, Devlin.....20—19
Third foul, Lowell, Tigue.....20—20
Third foul, Manchester, Devlin.....21—20
Third foul, Manchester, Lynch.....22—20
Goal, Lowell, Tigue.....24—20
Third foul, Lowell, Leighton.....24—21

Score, Lowell 24, Manchester 21. Goals from the floor, Kane 3, Leighton 2, Tigue 2, Wachter 5, Devlin, Donnelly. Points on fouls, Lowell 10, Manchester 7. Fouls committed, Mathews 6, Leighton 5, Kane 4, Tigue 4, Getzinger 2, Wachter 10, Lynch 6, Qualey 6, Donnelly 5, Devlin 3. Referee, Michael Godley of Fitchburg. Timekeepers, Bucky Halloran for Lowell, J. Wynne for Manchester. Attendance, 1000.

GREAT GAME

NATICK DEFEATS SO. FRAMINGHAM 29 TO 22.

NATICK, March 25.—In a game marked by excellent blocking, the local team downed the South Framingham basket ball team last evening in Concert hall, 29 to 22. The game was the last of the series between the local team and the South Framingham quintet, and although the latter had won the two preceding games more than 1200 turned out to witness last evening's game.

Both Managers Healey and Sullivan were anxious to win the game and sent their best men in. The local team was completely shaken up and Hayes and Punch started as forwards, and H. Sheridan and Martens took care of the back field. That manager Healey's move was a good one was very evident from the start.

Both teams started in by playing a fast blocking game, and it was 4 minutes before the first basket was thrown. The period closed, 7 to 5, in favor of the local team. In the second period both teams adopted the same blocking tactics, the score standing 14 to 7.

In the last period Manager Sullivan of Framingham, in his endeavor to stem the tide of defeat, called Ferat from the floor and put in Harry Hough. Manager Healey was prepared for this move, however, and called out Lynch and placed Jimmie Healey against the South Framingham wonder. Although the former threw two baskets from the floor, he and his team-mate were unable to overtake the local team.

Capt. Hayes was forced to quit, owing to a sprained ankle. The game was for a side bet of $150 and the full receipts of the house. The summary:

NATICK	S. FRAMINGHAM
H. Sheridan rf	lb Kincade
Hayes rf	
Lynch rf	
Falle rf	
Punch lf	rb Mayham
W. Sheridan c	c Mulliner
H. Sheridan rb	lf Ferat
Healey rb	lf Hough
Martens lb	rf Fogarty

Score, Natick 29, South Framingham 22. Goals from floor, Martens 6, Punch 2, H. Sheridan 2, Fogarty 3, Hayes, W. Sheridan, Mulliner 2, Hough 2. Goals from fouls, Natick 5, South Framingham 8. Referee, T. J. Riley. Scorer, Dewey. Timers, Hoey and Sullivan. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance, 1200.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

E. J. Carpenter's "For Her Sake" company drew large audiences at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening.

"For Her Sake," while somewhat more melo-dramatic than any of Hope's plays, challenges comparison with "The Prisoner of Zenda," in its abundance of incident and rapid movement, and emerges from the comparison with credit. In fact, the incidents of "For Her Sake" possess an advantage over those of "The Prisoner of Zenda" or "Rupert of Hentzau," inasmuch as they are supposed to have taken place in a real and not an imaginary kingdom, and are consequently within the bounds of the ordinary imagination.

The play last night was excellently presented, the company being fully equal to the exacting demands made upon it by the many dramatic situations of the plot, and the sharp contrasts between the various characters. Miss Margaret Bowers made a great success in the part of the serf girl, Olga, and had the house with her all through. Not only did she enact the character with insight, but she possessed the good looks necessary for the role to have its full effect.

Miss Estelle Seafert as Phyllis Gray, a New York girl with an eye to business, also made a hit, extricating all there was in the part. Miss Ella Marble made an excellent Princess Walanoff.

"Billy" Marble, who had the part of General Gruffoff, was as popular with the house as ever, while Edwin Scribner, in the leading role of Prince Vladimir, ably filled the part. The other parts were also filled in an admirable manner.

Manager Murphy has offered two beautiful gold filled watches, one a gentleman's timepiece, and the other a lady's, to the person holding the lucky number. At each performance when a person purchases a reserved seat he or she is presented with a number and a corresponding number is also held by the management, and on Saturday evening all of these checks will be put into a hat and a small boy will be picked from the audience to pick a number. The person having the number corresponding which is drawn from the hat will be presented with the watch. The person holding the lucky ticket is expected to be on hand to claim the watch. If he or she is not in attendance and the number is not called for in due time another number will be picked until one which is represented in the audience is picked.

"For Her Sake" will be presented this afternoon and evening and also twice tomorrow.

HOME TALENT

EXCLUSIVELY GIVEN AT SWEDISH CHURCH CONCERT.

A fine concert was given at the Swedish Lutheran church Wednesday evening under the direction of Frank E. Lindquist, musical director of the church. A feature of the concert was the fact that "home" talent exclusively filled the program. Mr. Linquist has recently taken charge of the church choir and has trained a male chorus of 32 voices. They were heard and likewise an orchestra made up exclusively of members of the church.

The program was as follows: Song, choir; selection, "Under the American Eagle," orchestra; solo, Mr. A. K. Brander; chorus, choir; recitation, Miss Sigrid Christianson; chorus, male choir; piano solo, "Utvald," Miss Josephine Pearson; chorus, choir; duet, Miss Gerda Pearson and Mr. F. E. Lindquist; chorus, male choir; recitation, Miss Ida Johanson; chorus, male choir; selection, orchestra; song 150th psalm, choir and orchestra.

SWEPT BY STORM

Three Persons Killed by the Wind

MANY RESIDENCES WERE BADLY DAMAGED

Loss to Winter Wheat Reaches $50,000

CHICAGO, March 25.—One of the most severe storms this city has known in many years passed over Chicago last night. Great damage was done in the suburbs to the south of the city and considerable loss was sustained north of the city proper. The storm did not strike the business portion of the city in its greatest force.

The storm in the vicinity of Indiana Harbor was the most severe ever known there. Three people are known to be dead, several are fatally hurt, and at midnight there were several others reported missing, who may be buried in the ruins of their homes.

A two-story brick building, known as the Barker building, was blown down and a number of people who had sought shelter there were buried in the ruins.

The dead are M. Barker and two unknown men. Thirteen people are missing.

The storm covered the entire region around Hammond and Indiana Harbor, and was cyclonic in its nature. Telegraph and telephone wires are down.

In addition to the Barker building, six other structures are demolished and at least 32 are unroofed.

Eighteen residences were blown down and several persons were hurt in the ruins of their homes. Telegraph and telephone wires are down for miles between Chicago and Indian Harbor.

In Hammond, Ind., a number of residences were badly damaged, and two people were injured. One end of the large plant of the Republic Iron & Steel company was blown down. A number of business houses were unroofed and the city last night was in total darkness. In the freight yards great damage was done. Many cars were unroofed, blown over and the yards were piled with wreckage.

On the Grand crossing, eight miles south of the center of the city, a number of buildings were wrecked, freight cars blown about the yards, and the tracks of the railroads covered with debris.

Telegraph and telephone companies suffered greatly south of the city.

In Thornton, to the north of the city, the frame dwelling of E. Gardner was blown into a stone quarry. Gardner and his wife sustained serious injuries. Several other people were injured. The Lutheran church was blown down, and a number of residences damaged.

The fall of rain west and north of Evanston, 12 miles north of Chicago, was so heavy that the crops were badly damaged. It is said that the loss of the winter wheat in this section alone will amount to $50,000.

BUILDINGS UNROOFED.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 25.—Six houses were wrecked and a number of their inmates were injured here last night by a severe wind storm which was accompanied by rain. A large number of other buildings were moved from their foundations.

At Muskegon several buildings were unroofed and considerable damage was done, though no persons have as yet been reported injured.

HEAVY DAMAGE.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., March 25.—An electrical storm, accompanied by a high wind and a heavy fall of rain, caused considerable damage here last night. The lightning struck many buildings, among them the plant of a fireworks manufactory, which exploded, and three of the large buildings were burned. A large number of persons were injured and many dwellings were demolished. The loss will reach many thousands of dollars.

Special low prices at Cooper's, 320 Merrimack street.

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

At the recital next Sunday at Huntington hall the society will be assisted by two distinguished artists, Mme. Rosa Linde, contralto, and her daughter, Miss Nellie Wright, soprano, of New York city. Mme. Linde displayed her remarkable powers to an enthusiastic orchestral audience last season and it is only necessary to add for the information of those who were not present that she stands at the head of American contraltos, having been deemed worthy by Nordica to lead in the Nordica-Linde Operatic company. She has sung with every prominent musical organization in the United States. She has a voice of wonderful range, extending over three octaves from c to e. The richness, purity and power of her lower register are rarely equaled and her charming stage presence is captivating. Her daughter, Miss Nellie Wright, soprano, is young and of magnificent appearance, while her voice and singing are so phenomenal that Mme. Sembrich on having heard her a year ago, offered her a place in opera. They will appear in solos and duets and the musical people of Lowell may anticipate a rare treat. Reserved seats at Austin's, 25 and 50 cents, today and Saturday and at the hall Sunday at 1 o'clock.

WASN'T STOLEN

Constable Bradley Had the Team

Wednesday morning the police received a telephone call from W. McGookin of Plain street, advising them that some one had entered his stable during the night and stole his horse, harness and wagon. The whole outfit was valued at $51 and the police were dumbfounded to hear that a man would have the temerity to risk a term in prison for so poor a hitch.

The officers, however, were told to be on the lookout for the missing team, but the "look out" was stricken from the police blotter yesterday when it was learned that it was Constable Charlie Bradley who had taken the outfit and he did it on a process that gave him authority so to do. There was $15 still owing on the horse and that is why the constable did the trick.

DAUGHTERS OF POCHAHONTAS.

The members of Minnequa council, Daughters of Pocahontas, held a whist and pit party at the home of Mrs. G. Rigby, Middlesex village, Thursday evening, in aid of the Domestic table of the annual fair to be held in American Mechanics hall, Middlesex street, April 25. After a pleasant evening's entertainment refreshments were served.

A NEW COACHMAN.

Mr. Bernard Brown of Walker street the popular coachman for Mr. Jacob Rogers, is passing around the cigars. It is a 12-pound boy.

PILGRIM FATHERS

HELD ENTERTAINMENT IN BAY STATE HALL.

The Mozart quartet, Messrs. McMahon, Thornton, Donnelly and Murphy, gave a delightful concert last evening under the auspices of Bay State colony, No. 11, United Order of Pilgrim Fathers, in Post 185 hall, and a large audience heartily applauded the fine work of the celebrated quartet.

Interspersed with the music were remarks on the order by ex-Supreme Gov. Treadwell, Supreme Director Edward O'Connor and Deputy Supreme Louis Towey.

Edwin O. Foster, supreme lieutenant governor of Salem, was the principal speaker and he dwelt at length on the stability of the order, which has been doing business in New England for 25 years and has paid all claims in that time.

SIMPSON HIGHEST

In Recent Civil Service Examination

BUT HIS NAME IS HELD UP

Ranks Obtained for Foremen and Janitors

The results of the recent examinations for foremen and janitors in the municipal service are as follows: For foremen, John F. Enwright, 85.40; John G. Gordon, 84.55; Jeremiah J. Hayes, 73.60; George W. Fifield, 67.20. The first three are for street work and the third for sewer work.

The janitors' examination resulted as follows: William H. Mason, 81.57; James F. Leary, 78.61; John Barrett, 78.19; David E. Cornock, 75.05; Omer J. Smith, 73.37; William F. McGarr, 73.27; Samuel Flemings, 72.01; Robert J. Wotton, 69.20; Timothy McNamara, 60.89.

A few days ago The Sun mentioned the fact that a protest had been made against the name of Edwin Simpson going on the eligible list, Mr. Simpson having taken both the street and sewer examinations the same day.

When The Sun reporter asked Mr. Conant why the name of Mr. Simpson did not appear on the eligible list the latter replied: "We have his name under consideration at present and will determine what to do in a few days. I will say, however, that Mr. Simpson got the highest rank of all."

CORPORATION TAXES

UNDER NEW LAW STATE GETS MORE MONEY.

The assessors of Holyoke have been in conference with the local board this week over a new law going into effect this year, by which the cities will receive less and the state more from the corporation taxes than formerly. The assessors are in doubt as to just how the change is to be made, but there is no doubt about the result, for the city of Holyoke loses about $21,000 and Lowell $40,000.

MILLINERY OPENING.

The Misses Rogers, at 175 Merrimack street, are in line with the rest of the milliners and their store is very tastefully and appropriately decorated with flowers, potted plants and ferns. There is a large variety of trimmed hats and bonnets as well as shapes and material used in making hats. The Misses Rogers in the past have had a very large patronage, and it is no wonder, as their prices for work and material have always been entirely satisfactory. The opening will continue today and tomorrow, and while out inspecting styles do not fail to call.

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A HOT SUMMER

hot stove. Lucifer! think how you suffered last summer and how your husband would roar if he had the time to consider the fuel wasted during summer in your kitchen to maintain a fire in the range or stove for cooking. Burning Blazes! how can you good women sizzle away your lives in hot kitchens? Or what is worse, how can you compel your servants to do it? How can you expect your servants to be tame under such compulsion? Why wouldn't they turn over in the oven and roast you? Now, again, after wiping away the perspiration, look at this picture and cool off.

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1. March, from Athalie — Mendelssohn
2. Overture, Oberon — Weber
3. Concert Waltz, Militaire — Waldteufel
4. a. Lost Happiness — Gillett
   b. Under the Balcony — Gruenwald
   c. Entre, Acte Gavotte — Gillett
   For String Sextette
   Messrs. Borjes, Laviguer, Borjes, Jr., Pease, Hecker and Searle
5. Selection from Carmen — Bizet

PART 2nd

6. Descriptive Piece, The Coaching Party, — Michaelis
7. Intermezzo, Mazeppa — Schwartz
8. Selection from the Yankee Consul — Robyn
9. Glockenspiel Solo, "Loin du Bal" — Gillett
   Mr. B. L. Williams
10. Medley Overture, Swanee River, — Von Tilzer

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Evening Programme

PART 1st

1. March, Tannhauser — Wagner
2. Overture, Vaudeville — Koppitz
3. a. Intermezzo, Mousme — Eugene
   b. Entre Acte, La Colombe — Gounod
4. Quartette for Brass Instruments
   Good Night, Beloved — Pinsuti
   Messrs. McDaniel, Bryant, Pease and Park.
5. Selection from the Opera, Mr. Pickwick — Klein

PART 2nd

6. International Fantasia
   A Trip to Great Britain — Loesch
7. a. Navajo, Indian Intermezzo
   b. The Congo Love Song — Alstyne
   As sung by Marie Cahill in Nancy Brown
8. Grand Selection from the Bohemian Girl — Balfe
9. Trombone Solo, The Stein Song — Bullard
   Mr. O. R. Park
10. Finale, Russian Dance — Bendix

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Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

15,252 The sworn daily average circulation for two months of 1904 was: **15,252**

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For better or worse the police commission for the present will remain as it is. It is just as well as to be changed in any of the ways proposed by the legislature.

As a corollary to the management of his presidential boom Mr. Hearst of course will keep on lambasting the trusts. As a side issue to the campaign the crusade against the trusts will serve the purpose. Nobody expects it to accomplish anything.

The New Jersey "jays" have returned wiser men than they came. They may have to answer for shooting an insane man in territory where they had no standing as officers. They hoped to make a great haul in the recovery of stolen goods and thus disparage the Lowell and Billerica officers but they were simply foiled by a crazy man.

WHY THIS LEGISLATIVE INTERFERENCE?

We should like to know on what grounds the state legislature can interpose its power to prevent cities from keeping efficient men at the head of their respective fire dpartments. The bill to give life tenure of office to the present incumbents in the departments looks like a conspiracy by the engineers themselves through lobbyists. Why not include all firemen? It is not so important to give a poor subordinate a life job as it is to hold an incompetent or inefficient engineer at the head of a department as long as he is able to crawl. The people whose lives and property are at stake are the ones who should have the decision of such matters.

A SCENE OF BRUTALITY.

That was a brutal scene enacted at the Boott yard yesterday noon. When a few of these understrappers known as yard hands, gatemen, watchmen and special officers see an opportunity to jump upon a man they seldom lose the opportunity if a sufficient number of them happen to be around. Yesterday three of them gave a disgraceful exhibition, jumping on a man when they got him down and then hammering his head against an iron pole. We like to see respect for the law on the part of the populace but in a case of that kind we assert that the crowd, the mob or whatever you may call it, had a right to interfere and prevent such brutality. Because this or that understrapper wears the badge of the law is no reason why he should be permitted to wantonly violate the law with impunity.

RAPID GROWTH OF THE UNITED STATES FLEET.

According to statements made in recent debates in the United States senate it appears that in four years hence the United States navy will be the equal or perhaps the superior of the French navy. England heads the list at the present time in the number and tonnage of her war craft.

Senator Hale stated recently that the United States navy numbered 254 efficient warships and that 43 are either authorized or under construction. Before the Spanish-American war, the United States fleet stood sixth or seventh as rated on paper, but its growth since then has astonished the world.

There is no telling what navy is best, all things considered. It is the discipline and bravery of the men, the speed and equipment of the ships that count. A formidable fleet may be destroyed by one half its size. If Japan should win in the present war she would soon develop into one of the foremost naval powers in the world. She seems capable of handling a navy, so that its efforts tell in every battle. It is fully as much a matter of men as of ships. Good ships poorly manned will never accomplish much.

REV. FR. DELANEY'S APPOINTMENT

The Concord (N. H.) Monitor, published by Ex-Senator Chandler, pays the following high tribute to Rev. John B. Delaney on his appointment as bishop of Manchester:

"The appointment of Father John B. Delaney to be bishop of Manchester is one which every citizen of New Hampshire will cordially commend. It will add to the Catholic hierarchy of New England a young, vigorous, cultured prelate, trained to the duties of his new office and looking forward by God's will, to many years of fruitful labor. Best of all, Father Delaney's appointment carries the assurance of the continuance of that wise and saintly policy of church administration by which his gifted predecessor and superior made this diocese noted for its spirit of progress; for, while the new bishop will be no slavish imitator, it cannot be but that his years of intimate association with Bishop Bradley have enabled him to take on much of that zealous prelate's gracious habit of mind and manner, and under his guidance we shall look for the Catholic church in New Hampshire to extend its work of education, philanthropy and spiritual elevation to a degree of which its past history is merely the faintest promise."

In reference to the appointment of Rev. Fr. Delaney a cablegram from Rome says that the announcement was premature, that the appointment has not yet been reached by the propaganda, but from some reliable source it is understood that he is undoubtedly to be the successor to the late Bishop Bradley. Lowell is proud to have her sons honored. Bishop Delaney will be the fourth Lowell priest to be raised to the dignity of bishop.

SOUTH CAROLINA AS A LIQUOR DEALER.

South Carolina is called upon like every other liquor dealer to pay a revenue tax but she refuses and the matter is under adjudication in the courts. It will be remembered that south Carolina hit upon the peculiar method known as the dispensary system under government direction. The system has been fairly satisfactory and one of the features which makes it so acceptable to the state is that it brings a large income to the state treasury. The court of claims has decided against the protest of South Carolina and now the state has appealed to the supreme court of the United States.

The decision of the court of claims was in part as follows:

"From the evidence submitted it seems clear that the commercial character of the state's undertaking is stamped unmistakably upon the system. The statute establishing it authorized a profit of 50 per cent., and contemplated large profits, directing the manner in which they should be utilized and distributed. As a matter of fact, the system has been a great commercial success and has yielded large profits. The national government does not interfere with the exercise of the police power, but the national government cannot be compelled, directly or indirectly, to aid it. The police power extends no further than the general welfare. The general welfare is one thing; exemption from taxation is another."

It remains to be seen whether this decision will be overruled by the highest court in the land. The profitable character of the liquor business as conducted under the dispensary system is likely to appeal to the cupidity of other states. As a mode of regulating the abuses connected with the liquor business the reports speak very favorably of the dispensary system but the friends of temperance are not prepared to favor the idea of the state going into the liquor business.

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Young men's black Thibet and unfinished Worsted Suits, single or double breast, $8 to $18.

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HOUSE GOT TIRED

Wearied of "Bill" Hayes' Talk

BOSTON, March 25.—While Representative Hayes of Lowell was making fun of the bill to provide for three or more brakemen on freight trains yesterday, in the lower branch of the legislature, the house became tired and adjourned. Mr. Hayes, on two previous occasions, had tried to kill the bill, and yesterday he resorted to ridicule, saying it would be just as good legislation to have a brakeman on every car, and all cars painted a certain color, and the engineer forbidden to give the fireman a drink while passing through no-license towns.

Representative Fallon of Quincy asked the house if it wouldn't be cheaper to go to a vaudeville theatre and hear a first-class clown, rather than to listen to the gentleman from Lowell (Mr. Hayes).

Mr. Hayes, who sits near Mr. Fallon, looking straight at Mr. Fallon, replied: "The way I'm looking now, I don't believe it is necessary."

The bill will be first on the calendar today.

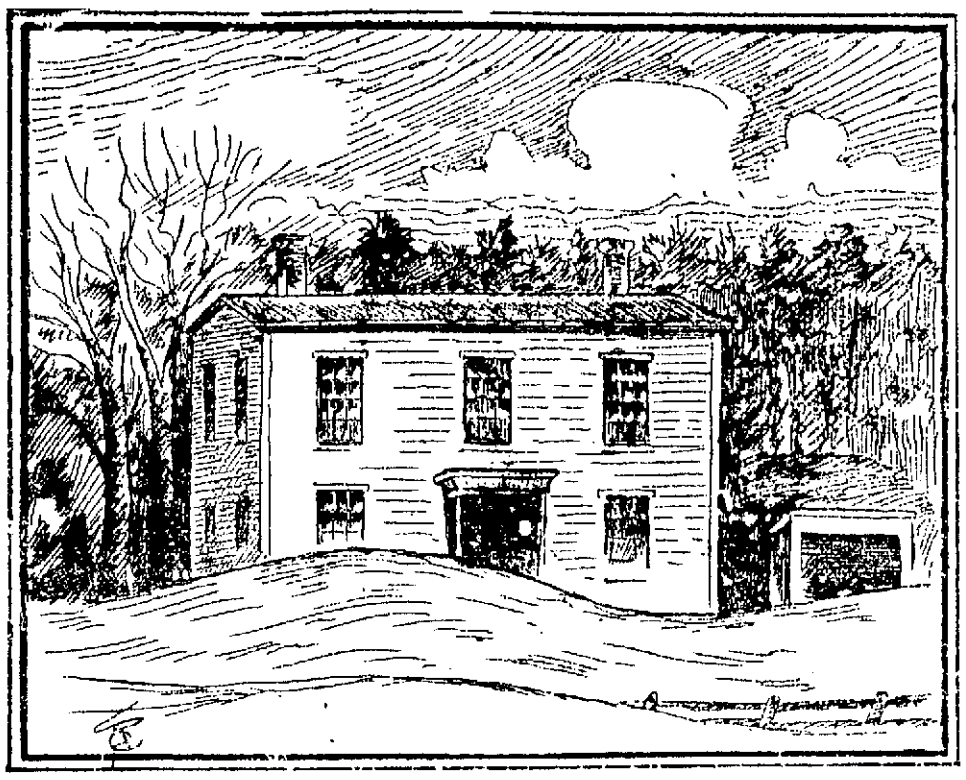
Representative Fordis C. Parker acted as speaker a large part of the afternoon, Speaker Frothingham being away.

Messrs. Poland of Wakefield, McManus of Natick and Mitchell of Marlboro championed a bill to permit cities and towns to impose further conditions on street railways when the municipalities give the railways a right to extend their lines beyond the original grant. Under the present laws the towns and cities cannot impose further conditions. The committee on street railways reported against the bill. Mr. Pingree of Haverhill said the bill was unfair, unwise and unjust. The bill was not rejected as recommended but accepted by a vote of 61 to 33. Mr. McManus told of the trials of the town of Natick because there was no such law, and it was his speech yesterday which largely contributed to the vote giving the bill its standing.

Representative A. S. Hall of Winchester wanted a bill referred to the next general court which permits the state to pass on the qualifications of school superintendents in districts where the state pays a part of the salary of such superintendent. His motion was defeated and the bill was given a third reading.

Mr. Harrington of Hinsdale tried to save a bill reported on adversely to require street railways to carry pupils of commercial schools at reduced rates. His motion to substitute the bill was defeated, 47 to 44. The adverse report was then accepted.

The committee on ways and means reported a bill to appropriate $392,000 for expenses incurred in the construction of the high level gravity sewer for the relief of the Charles and Neponset river valleys.



SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.

The Lowell pesthouse or contagious hospital, sketched by The Sun artist. This is the cottage in which small-pox patients are treated and suspects detained. It is the only apology for a contagious hospital in the possession of the city at the present time; but is never used for any other purpose than small-pox.

Fred C. Church held the insurance on Taylor & Barker's buildings at fire in Wamesit yesterday afternoon.

SPRING MILLINERY OPENING.

All the latest styles and novelties in spring millinery can be found at Johnson's, 314 Merrimack street. Opening Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Eirene lodge of Good Templars met in regular session last night, and during the business meeting one new member was proposed. The good of the order comprised the piano solos by Miss Ella Edmunds; reading, "The Drunkard's Lament," E. S. Varney; song, Miss Gertrude L. Judd; piano duet, Misses Ivy Hands and Inez Turnbull. Mrs. Sylvia Smith next gave an amusing recitation, and was followed by Mrs. Jennie F. Turnbull in a spicy reading. Miss Mamie Clarke then delighted her hearers by a finely rendered harmonica solo, responding to an enthusiastic encore. The district lecturer, Albert Sutcliffe, made interesting remarks.

The attendance at the meeting was unusually large.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL, R. A.

The regular meeting of Highland council, Royal Arcanum, was held last night with a large attendance. After the business meeting a debate was held by the members of the Benjamin Franklin Debating club, which proved very interesting and instructive to the members. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, That the United States should be more favorable to Japan than to Russia, in the war of the Far East." The judges were A. G. Walsh, Alanson Gray and George E. Hutchins. The first speaker for the affirmative was J. Newcomb Lake and he was followed by William Platin, George Ketchen, Patrick Begley, Harold Caverly and John H. Murphy. After the judges had retired John Coyne of the Franklin club gave a very interesting summing up of the question in which he said that he favored the negative side. This seemed the opinion of fully half of the audience. The judges of whom A. G. Walsh was chairman, after a half hour's deliberation, decided two to one in favor of the affirmative. The prize was a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

The regular meeting of Prosperity Circle, Independent Companions of the Forest was held in Foresters' hall last evening. Six propositions were received and three new members initiated. It was decided to run a leap year party about the middle of April.

WILL EXHUME BODY.

SALEM, Mass., March 25—For the purpose of obtaining further evidence regarding the death of Mrs. Dora D. Trask, who was shot at Beverly, March 3, the body of the woman will be exhumed late this afternoon by the authorities. Medical experts from this city and Boston will make a thorough examination of the body. Joseph A. Hastings of Salem is held on the charge of having caused Mrs. Trask's death.

HEAD & SHAW'S GRAND SPRING MILLINERY OPENING.

This firm has always been and is today the emporium of fashions in the millinery line. This fact is well known to every lady in this city and suburbs as they always give entire satisfaction to their customers. Their store is one of the principal attractions on the street today, judging from the large number of visitors. Their display of up-to-date millinery is a great triumph as no better can be found in the city. Among the fashionable hats are the celebrated Hedella and Gage. The Hedella is the design that almost drove Chauncy Olcott, the actor, crazy. There are hundreds of other hats and bonnets that will strike the admiring ladies as just right in style, quality and price. The opening will continue today and tomorrow and all are invited to call and inspect their stock.

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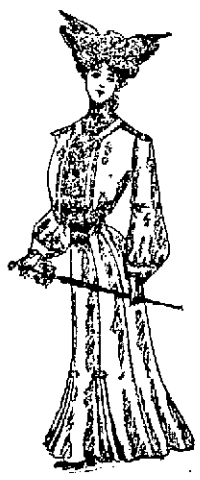

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In all the latest effects such as Eton or Jacket Styles.

Lot 1—New $12.50 Suits, this sale $7.50

Lot 2—New $17.50 Suits, this sale $11.75

Lot 3—New $25.00 Suits, this sale $17.50

RAIN COATS.

$10.00 Ladies' Rain Coats..... $5.00
$12.50 Ladies' Rain Coats..... $8.98
$20.00 Ladies' Rain Coats.....$12.50

WALKING AND DRESS SKIRTS.

1 lot new $3.00 Skirts, this sale....$1.68
1 lot new $5.00 Skirts, this sale....$3.50
1 lot new $5.00 Etamine Skirts, this sale $3.50

SHIRT WAISTS.

1 lot 75c Lawn Waists..... 48c
1 lot $2.75 China Silk Waists.....$1.69
1 lot $5.00 and $6.00 Waists, slightly soiled $2.50

COVERT AND BLACK JACKETS.

200 new garments to select from. Immense values at $3.98, $5.00, $6.75, $10.98 and $12.50

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4 Nearseal Jackets, worth $45, now..... $24.50
20 Cloth Coats that sold from $7.00 to $12, now..... $3.00
18 Cloth Jackets that were $15.00 to $20.00, now..... $5.00

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We show you styles that are unequalled in design within 26 miles of Lowell, and when you find their equal you'll find the price 25 per cent. more. Give us an opportunity to show you—to serve you—to save you and to please you.

Covert Coats

A new Coat shown today for the first time, made from Covert with wide, welt strapping, double breasted front, a value of entrusting merit at **$15.00.**

Also another new style shown for the first time--Birds' Eye Covert made collarless with welt seams and button trimmed for **$12.50.**

Covert Coat, in the collarless effect with box plaited effect on each gore, velvet and gilt button trimmings, making a very dressy coat at **$18.50.**

Covert Coat, fitted back, double breasted front, French seams and taffeta lined and thoroughly a hand tailored garment for **$10.**

Suits

A fine dress suit of Cheviot made in the Cape Eton style with Persian vest and buttons, full sleeves with deep cuffs and finely tailored for **$15.00.**

Collarless Eton Suit of Cheviot in black, blue and brown with split cape effect, stitched cuffs and collar of Peau de Soie, also eton and skirt artistically trimmed with heavy Soutache braid, for **$20.**

Walking Suit of Lymansville Cheviot, coat style, 24 inches long, epaulette effect with braid and button trimming, box plaited, gored skirt and perfectly tailored **$22.50.**

Voile Dress Suits, Eton style, epaulette shoulders, braid and button trimmed--skirt with the new kilted gores and in every way a new model, **$27.50.**

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Ladies' Department

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BUILDING OUTLOOK

(Continued from Page Four.)

confident that the many improvements included in the plans made by Architect Davis will find ready tenants for the building.

The task which Contractor Burtt has on his hands at the present time is really more difficult than the erection of a new building, as the new structure will be erected on the original foundations and the placing of all girders and beams will be in exactly the same places as in the building which was destroyed. The supports on the first floor are in position as are also the heavy girders. The non-arrival of a carload of lumber delayed the work somewhat this week.

The brick work, which was sublet by Mr. Burtt to George H. Staples, has been abandoned for a time in order to expedite matters. As has been previously stated in this paper the two upper stories of the rear wall will have to be torn down and already the workmen have removed the brick from the upper story; but Mr. Burtt will not allow the tearing down of the third story of the wall until he has the flooring built on that story, as instead of the bricks being thrown to the basement they can be laid on the flooring and then relaid. It is expected that the work of removing the brick on the Middle street side of the building will be commenced right away.

All of the inside brick walls have been plumbed and made fireproof. The substitution of steel for stone girders in the elevator well will also be another improvement as in case of fire the stone crumbles.

CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

The central fire station in Middle street is presenting a very attractive appearance at the present time. It was badly in need of repairs but the painters, plasterers, kalsominers and carpenters have spared no pains in making it look as good as new. The carpenters repaired all the damage done to the doors and windows caused by the fire across the street, and the plasterers have touched up the ceilings and walls, while the painters have touched up all of the woodwork.

Chief Hosmer wanted an appropriation of $2,000 for the work in order to repair the stalls, which are in bad condition, but as the committee saw fit to cut $500 off the appropriation, the stalls will have to remain in the condition they are at the present time.

Contractor Arthur Rabeour has plenty of work on his hands, though he has completed a good deal of the big work and is now engaged in making alterations and repairs. The Dempsey building at the corner of Second and Bridge streets is completed and ready for occupancy and he has just finished altering the front of Bean's paint store in Bridge street. Mr. Rabeour is now changing over the front of the store occupied by Morrow Bros. at 13 Lakeview avenue, this being part of the J. M. G. Parker estate. After the work on the ground floor is completed numerous alterations will be made throughout the building.

Joseph R. Beharrell is building a mammoth piazza on the residence of J. H. Guillet at 200 Wentworth avenue.

T. Costello & Co., plumbers, have the contract for the plumbing of the Y. W. C. A. building on John street, the Anna Jacques hospital in Newburyport, a palatial residence in Malden and a large apartment house in Newton. The plumbing of the Y. W. C. A. building will consist of needle and shower baths, Geyestrom douches, numerous bath tubs, lavatories, water closets, hot and cold water. All of the plumbing will be open work and the exposed parts will be nickle plated. The floors and walls will be of cement covered with slate, making these apartments waterproof. There will be a huge electric fan in the shower bath room in order to keep an even temperature, this being an important feature in connection with the baths.

Every place formerly occupied as a liquor saloon is now a scene of hustle and bustle as many improvements, some of them being on a very extensive scale, are being made preparatory to the opening of the saloons on the second of May. The carpenters are busy making alterations, while the painters and plasterers are also getting a good share of the work.

J. G. Steadman is erecting a two and a half story wooden dwelling house in Burlington avenue, off Wilder street. It will have a frontage of 34 feet and a depth of 53 feet while the height will be 45 feet, with a pitch roof. It will be heated by steam and will cost about $4,500.

R. Descheneaux is altering the store front in the building at 317 Middlesex street owned by Alphonse Racico.

Israel Greenberg is making alterations on his building at 36 Westford street. It was formerly a one and one-half story cottage with a pitch roof but when completed will be a two-story house with a flat roof and a store on the ground floor. The estimated cost of the alterations is $1,000.

Many smaller alterations in buildings are being made throughout the city, and a large number of houses are being repainted.

Mary E. Sprague will soon have built a palatial residence at the corner of Sherman and Nesmith streets. The building permit was taken out at the office of the superintendent of buildings in city hall yesterday, and work will be commenced as soon as the frost is out of the ground. The estimated cost of the building will be $9,500. Whittet and McDonald have the contract for erecting the building. The building will have a frontage of 41½ feet and will run back 50 feet, and the height will be 50 feet, with a pitch roof. The front of the building will be set back a distance of 17 feet from the street. It will be modern in every detail, steam heat, open plumbing and will be 2½ stories high.

G. H. Davis is building a cottage at the corner of Waterford and Oxford street in Pawtucketville. The cellar has been completed and work on the building will be started at once. It will consist of six rooms with an ell and will be one and one-half stories high, with a pitch roof. The frontage will be twenty feet while the rear will be sixteen with a depth of 28 feet, and the height will be 24 feet. It will have furnace heat.

Work on the Polish Catholic church in High street is being pushed ahead rapidly. H. S. and E. A. Clark of South Boston are the contractors and they have sub-let the foundation work and stone work to William H. Fuller and the brick work will be done by Patrick Conlon. Contractor Fuller has the excavation well under way and several carloads of lumber have been dumped on the land ready for the carpenters to start work just as soon as the foundation is finished.

Welch Bros. are installing a Winchester boiler in the residence of Mr. Dix in Eleventh street.

Plumbing alterations are being made at the residence of Mr. Osterman in Tewksbury by Welch Bros. A Winchester steam boiler is being installed.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 1904.

Chas. R. and May J. Preston to William Fletcher, land with buildings on Cosgrove street, $1.

Edward H. Morse to Royal L. Hamlin, land with buildings on Bertha street, $1.

Ethan A. Smith to Harvey R. Greene, land on Marlborough street, $1.

Philomine Patenaude to Joseph and Alvine Patenaude, land with buildings on Lilley avenue, $1.

Charles W. Needham to Mary J. Burns, land on Inland street, $1.

John B. Pilling to Chas. E. Gould, land on Laurel street, $1.

Grace Fisher to Benjamin Sharp, land with buildings on Hazelton street, $1.

TEWKSBURY.

Sarah L. Livingston to B. W. Burtt, land on Bowers street, $1.

Louis Monroe to Hiram Whitney, land with buildings in South Lowell, $1.

BILLERICA.

John E. Rowell, etal., trustees, to Warren H. Manning, the Lucinda Manning estate, North Billerica, $1800.

Warren H. Manning to Manning Association, land on road of Chelmsford, $1.

Frank A. and Mary A. Treffy to John Brown, land on road to Chelmsford, $1.

WESTFORD.

Francis A. Prescott, etal., to Oscar R. Spalding, land on the Groton road, $1.

Charles F. M. Fish to Oscar R. Spalding, land on road to Carlisle, $1.

ON THE ALLEYS

BELMONTS TOO MUCH FOR THE RAMBLERS.

In the contest in the Recreation league tournament last night between the Belmonts and the Ramblers the former won by a score of 1295 to 1228. The winners made the highest team score of the tournament and played a most excellent game. Butterfield was high total man and McDonald high single. For the Ramblers McGrail was high total and Simpson high single.

The score:

BELMONTS.

	1	2	3	Total
Richardson	81	72	65	218
McDonald	81	81	111	279
Butterfield	89	101	95	285
Stearns	83	83	75	241
Hall	80	83	79	242
Totals	420	420	455	1295

RAMBLERS.

Simpson	91	79	75	245
Marsden	83	74	85	242
Rigby	90	87	70	247
Moran	82	78	76	236
McGrail	87	81	90	258
Totals	433	393	402	1228

BASE BALL

The new season tickets for the coming season are out and that's a sure sign of spring.

Manager Lake has been out at the ball grounds daily for the past few days superintending the removal of the ice and snow from the grounds. He intends to get right to work on the park as soon as the ice is removed and have it levelled and the outfield improved.

FOUR WEEKS AWAY.

If the prepared schedule of the New England league holds good, the base ball season is but four weeks away. Smith's men will report April 4 for training, while the men of almost every team in the league will report thereabouts. One thing that is stumping the managers of the clubs is the present condition of the grounds.

The four feet of snow which appeared there but a short time ago was turned to good solid ice during the first February thaw, and now it seems impossible for the weather conditions to take it away before the date set for the opening of the season. Most of the other fields on the circuit are in the same condition. —Manchester News.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

The directors of the Manchester baseball association met last evening in the office of William C. Clarke. During the meeting it was voted to issue 100 season tickets, books of 25 admissions each, to sell for $5 each. These books will be issued as soon as they can be printed. It was also proposed to make several changes in the main grandstand, and a committee consisting of John Smith, William Freeman and James E. MacDonald was appointed to make arrangements for the alterations. The proposed plan is to do away entirely with the stairs at the rear of the stand and to install an entrance at both ends. Other changes are contemplated and it is proposed to give the stand a coating of paint.

Manager Smith paid a visit to the park yesterday and viewed its conditions. To-day a gang of men were put to work clearing the diamond of snow and ice and putting it into shape for the players, who will begin practice within a few weeks. John Holland has been reappointed caretaker of the grounds.

CAUSE OF TROUBLE

BLACK TRADER REPORTS ATTACKS IN GERMAN CAMERRONS.

BERLIN, March 25.—Letters from the German Camerrons, Equatorial West Africa, describe the beginning of the troubles with the natives there as reported by a black trader named Bonaventura. This trader says that an expedition under Count Von Pueckler, the German government's district commissioner, and a wholesale trader named Kuester, marched on January 15 to Bascho via Abonl and were received everywhere in a friendly manner. Gifts were interchanged and the expedition proceeded to Badscahma, which was found deserted. The expedition therefore started back, but soon after leaving Badscahama it was attacked and two soldiers and several natives fell. A retreat was ordered because of a lack of ammunition.

Shortly after passing Bascho the expedition was again attacked and Count Von Pueckler was wounded in the right eye and breast. While crossing the river the count called for a gun with the intention of shooting himself. He was refused, but died from his previous wounds.

A soldier was also killed in the second attack and the remainder of the expedition fled to Abonl, where Kuester was killed.

The revolt rapidly spread to the southwest, and Chiefs Arsan, Assam and Gadjifu advanced to Dakbe, where they were killed by a merchant named Schoff.

Bonaventura was sent on horseback to Inbabon to give the alarm.

It was announced in a despatch from Berlin March 2 that the rising of native troops in the Cross and Naassanang rivers regions of the German Camerrons, resulting in several factories of the northwest Cameron company being burned down and in four Germans being killed, was caused by the eccentric conduct of Count Von Pueckler and was directly due to the theft of a lantern from the northwest Cameron company.

Herr Schoeller, president of the company, received in last December a long letter from Count Von Pueckler regarding the stolen lantern which concluded with the assertion that he intended to make the property of white men respected by burning 5 villages. Herr Schoeller protested to the count against his language and his proposed action, but his letter arrived too late. Count Von Pueckler with 25 men tried to arrest the headman of one of the villages but the count according to this despatch, was killed and his escort with difficulty escaped.

It appeared from information subsequently received by Herr Schoeller that the count had recently given way to fits of fury against the negroes, which were attributed to the state of his health as a result of his long residence in the hot climate of equatorial West Africa.

KILLED HIMSELF

MURDERER COMMITTED SUICIDE IN HIS CELL.

TUSKOGEE, Ala., March 25.—Ralph Armstrong, under sentence of death for murder of his cousin, Alice Armstrong, committed suicide in his cell here yesterday. He killed the young woman because she refused to marry him. Armstrong was a son of the late H. Clay Armstrong, consul to Rio Janeiro under President Cleveland.

BILLY MELLODY

GOT THE DECISION OVER PATSY SWEENEY.

PORTLAND, Me., March 25.—In one of the hardest-fought ring battles seen in this city for many years, Billy Mellody of Charlestown, Mass., forced Patsy Sweeney of Manchester, N. H., to take the count in the ninth round of what was to have been a 10-round fight at the auditorium last night.

Sweeney fought under distressing conditions from the first round, when he broke his thumb. His plucky endurance was remarkable.

SERVICE FOR DEAF MUTES.

The Rev. S. Stanley Searing, the diocesan missionary, will hold a service for deaf mutes in the sign language in St. John's church, Gorham street, next Sunday at 2.30 p. m.

FASHIONABLE MILLINERY.

Leighton & Foss, at 104 Merrimack street, do not make any attempt at a window display, but if a person is anxious to know where they can get fashionable and up-to-date millinery, they certainly will make no mistake by calling at their parlors. These ladies employ none but expert milliners, and their knowledge of the millinery art is about as near perfection as it is possible to acquire. Every hat or bonnet coming from their establishment looks chic and stylish and never fails to please the purchaser. The opening will take place today and tomorrow, and all their friends and patrons and the public generally are cordially invited to inspect their parlors, where the latest creations in millinery can be seen.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 25—A despatch from Norfolk, Neb., says the town was dark at noon yesterday from smoke which came from fresh prairie fires west of there. Many houses and barns near Atkinson were destroyed. A blaze from Simmons ran thirty miles. The fire which threatened Newport is headed for the town of Amelia, which it is believed will be destroyed.

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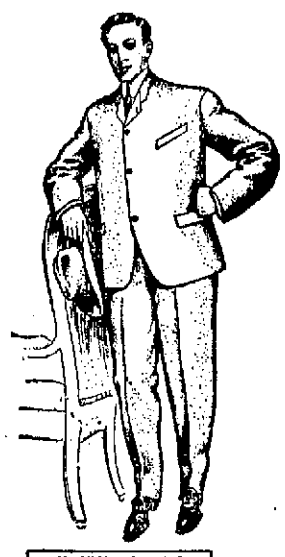
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The most brilliant Easter and Spring showing and at not exorbitant prices either. We want your trade and we are bound to have it.
Men's Suits for business or dress wear at $7.50, $10, $12, $15 and $18 that positively cannot be duplicated. Styles and patterns that cannot be found elsewhere. The largest stock in the city to select from. Many of our suits, both ladies' and men's, made in our store during the dull season—goods which are superior to all ready made garments and equal to the very finest custom made and at far less price than any other merchants ask for inferior merchandise. All we ask that you come in and look. The goods will do the rest. The sole agency in Lowell for the M. and W. Naumburg & Co.'s clothing. Remember we have the most complete line of Children's Clothing to be found.
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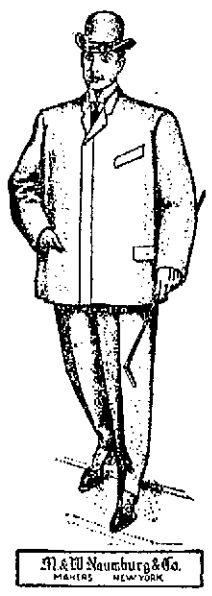
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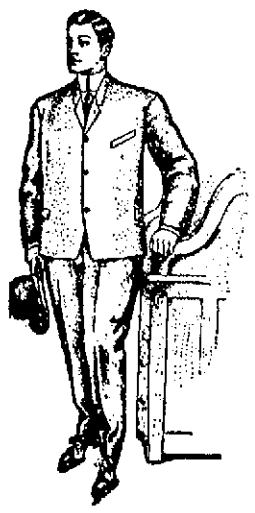
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Council of Elder Statesmen, the "Big Four" of Japan

THE recent departure of Marquis Ito on a special mission to Korea, although at present he holds no official position in the Japanese government except the rather anomalous one of head of the "council of elder statesmen," serves to call attention to this unique body, which is the only one of its kind on earth. It is made all the more interesting because of the many more or less mystifying references to it in the news dispatches of the past few weeks. It has been called into frequent conference by the mikado and has even seemed to eclipse the cabinet as the real governing body of the nation.

Although the council of elder statesmen of Japan is official, it is only advisory and is without power so far as final action on any proposition is concerned. It simply gives the emperor the benefit of the counsel of the great statesmen who made modern Japan. This sort of body in western parlance would be called a "kitchen cabinet." Because of the distinguished men who compose it the Japs would probably consider such an appellation disrespectful. At any rate the arrangement solves the question of what to do with the ex-premiers, a problem that with other nations is sometimes vexing enough. Yet it is doubtful if the Japanese plan would work in most countries. It is as though the United States should make an advisory council of her ex-presidents.

At present the council of elder statesmen consists of four members—Marquis Ito, the president; Count Inouye, Count Matsukata, and Marquis Yamagata. It is doubtful if four men could have been chosen who have played a greater part in the evolution of Japan or who together could give more valuable advice in the present crisis. Each supplements the others, each is strong in some one direction or in some especial department of government. Ito is the wise, tactful, conservative master of statecraft; Inouye, the more resolute and more radical man of affairs; Matsukata, the great finance minister, and Yamagata, the fighter and military tactician.

The genro, which is the Jap name for the council of elder statesmen, was provided for under the new constitution and was to be composed of those who had become especially famous in war, finance, diplomacy and statesmanship. It was formerly a more numerous body than at present, but death has thinned its ranks. Membership in it is for life. The emperor only calls it into conference in great crises. Now, advising the mikado is not a light matter. In the old days to counsel him unwisely was a crime that was severely punished. It is related that Duke Yamagata, a brother of the present marquis, once advised the emperor on a warlike step against Korea. The other statesmen deemed such a move inexpedient at that time. In other words, the advice the duke had given was pronounced bad, and as a consequence he suffered several years' imprisonment and never again was given any voice in the government of Japan. This law has since been repealed, but the spirit that prompted it doubtless yet lives.

It is safe to say that none of the members of the genro needs the check of this salutary provision. That is the reason they are members.

Of the four the greatest and by all odds the best known is Hirobumi Ito, the maker of modern Japan. He was born in the province of Choshiu in 1840. He came from the samurai and was by nature a conservative. It seems strange in the light of his subsequent career that it was his violent opposition to the introduction of western ideas into Japan that got him into difficulties at home and caused him to run away. He went to England, saw a new world and was converted. Returning to his own country, he became the leader in its modernization. First, he won the ear of the emperor and convinced him that the Land of the Rising Sun could never become a great nation until she embraced western civilization. Then Ito helped overthrow the shogun and was one of the principal factors in placing the emperor on the throne. This was in 1868, but the young reformer by very force of character came to the forefront, and there he has remained. He became premier and the trusted adviser of the mikado. He drafted the new constitution and was its chief advocate until it was adopted. He was at the head of affairs in putting down the famous Satsuma rebellion. Tactful, shrewd, knowing just how fast he could go and not alienate the people, he moved steadily toward the goal he had in view—the transformation of his country into one of the enlightened and therefore one of the powerful nations of the world. Restraining the more ardent reformers, diplomatic and gentle of speech, he succeeded in winning to himself a personal following that held him in power even when the majority of the parliament, or diet, as it was called, opposed his views. He was in power at the time of the Chino-Japanese war and had much to do in bringing about the brilliant result of that struggle. But in the succeeding negotiations, when Russia and two other powers combined to wrest from Japan the fruits of her victory, Ito suffered from the resentment his people felt, though he was in no sense to blame. They thought him too conciliatory, however, and he went out of power. Later he came back to the premiership for a short time, but finally retired two or three years ago. It must not be understood, by the way, that he was constantly premier even prior to the Chino-Japanese war. There were breaks, for these were stormy times, but through all the ups and downs Ito was the giant figure.

In personal appearance this greatest of oriental statesmen is rather tall for a Jap, with a chunky body and strong physique and, what is rare in the far east, an adult beard. His face is seamed and rugged, and the two predominant characteristics are kingliness and shrewdness.

The story of Kaoru Inouye is so interwoven with that of Ito that the two should be told together. The men are of almost the same age, were born in the same province and have been the warmest friends from boyhood. Inouye was always more fiery and aggressive and so as a young man was more violent in his antiforeign proclivities. It was he that led the attack on the English, American and Dutch consulates in which those buildings were destroyed. Soon after both Inouye and Ito were proscribed by the government, and it was this which caused them to run away from their country. Though of noble birth, they became common sailors on an English ship and landed in London with only $2 between them. One of the dollars was tossed up to see who should go for bread, and the choice fell on Inouye. Repairing to a bakery, he laid down the dollar, grabbed a loaf of bread and fled before change could be offered him. Having eaten, they went in search of friends, after which they set to work to gain an English education. This was cut short, however, by their hearing of fighting between their home province of Choshiu and the foreign fleets, and, being by this time converted to western ideas, they hastened home to advise their countrymen of the folly of fighting the great occidental powers.

THE MEN BEHIND THE THRONE.

Inouye now became as ardent an advocate of modernizing his country as he had before been a hater of things alien. So eager did he grow as a reform advocate that he often endangered his life. At one time he was waylaid, attacked with knives and left for dead in the snow. Being revived by the cold, he dragged himself homeward, where he begged his mother for his sword that he might commit harakari, the Japanese form of suicide, as he considered the fact that he had been attacked an insult and a disgrace. His voice was so weak, however, that his mother did not understand him, and instead she wrapped him in cotton and nursed him back to life. It was at this time that one of the prettiest incidents in the life of Ito occurred. He was attacked like his friend, but succeeded in escaping after killing one of his would be assassins. He fled to the home of a geisha girl whom he loved, and she hid him under the floor and saved his life, refusing to disclose his whereabouts even when dragged about the room by the hair. For this the coming premier married her.

So close was the friendship between Ito and Inouye that the former on more than one occasion refused to take the premiership unless his more extreme and radical associate might be with him in the cabinet. This friendship Inouye fully returned, although often impatient with what he considered the too conservative and conciliatory policy of his chief. The two were known as the reform statesmen of Japan.

Count Inouye was frequently the minister of foreign affairs, at other times was finance minister and on one occasion, about sixteen years ago, held the portfolio of education. He was also minister to Berlin, a position that his son now holds.

As long ago as 1875 Japan was casting slant eyes at Korea, and in that year Inouye was sent on a special mission to that then Chinese dependency. It was at a crucial time in the history of the Land of the Morning Calm, and the service rendered by the Japanese statesman gave him the friendship of the men at the head of Korean affairs. It was for this reason that several years later, when the Japanese were accused of murdering the Korean queen, Inouye was again sent on a special mission to Seoul and succeeded in preventing an open rupture between the two countries.

Inouye is of the reformer type, resolute and outspoken, and stands second only to Ito as the author of the new order in Japan.

Count Masayoshi Matsukata is the son of a military retainer of the Satsuma clan and was born in 1835. Like the other members of the genro, he took part in the revolution of 1868 that overthrew the shogun and placed the present emperor securely on the throne. He was at various times finance minister, holding the office in all about fourteen years, and twice was premier.

Perhaps Matsukata's most noteworthy accomplishment was in 1877, at the time of the disastrous Satsuma rebellion. He found the country flooded with a vast amount of inconvertible paper currency, which he redeemed and brought to par, an accomplishment that the Japanese believe made their phenomenal industrial and economic development possible. Among his other achievements are the land tax reform, the organization and centralization of the fiscal administration, the establishment of a modern banking system and the founding of an industrial bank. He also managed the monetary affairs of the empire through the Chino-Japanese war, floated a $50,000,000 loan in London and brought the currency again to a stable basis at the end of the conflict. He had the boldness to try all financial systems and select what seemed most practical. He is the author of a fiscal paper that has become an authority in western nations. Moreover, he told the people of Japan bluntly that they were not sufficiently provident and quoted the statistics of individual savings in foreign nations to prove his statement. He is a man of great moral courage and firmness.

Marquis Yoritomo Yamagata, like Ito and Inouye, comes from Choshiu. He is about sixty-six years of age, is known as "the little gray man" and is the military hero of Japan. As a mere stripling of twenty he defeated 20,000 men with 2,000 when a shogunate army sought to invade his province. He was second in command in the revolution that overthrew the shogun in 1868, the event that marked the beginning of the new regime in the Flowery Kingdom. He preceded even Ito as premier, an office which he has held frequently since. He has also been minister of war in various cabinets and has had more to do perhaps than any other man with the evolution of the Japanese army. An event that shows his devotion to his country has a touch of the pathetic. It relates to the plan of Duke Yamagata, his brother, to invade Korea, to which reference has already been made. This the marquis did not hesitate to oppose, though it meant his brother's downfall and imprisonment.

Another important service rendered his country was during the Satsuma rebellion of 1877, led by his old friend, Saigo. Yamagata was one of the chief commanders on the side of the government and finally brought the rebellion to a close by a personal appeal to Saigo.

The event that made Yoritomo Yamagata the popular idol of Japan, however, was his brilliant victory over the Chinese at the memorable battle of Pingyang during the Chino-Japanese war. After the close of the war he retired from active service in the army, but retained his title of field marshal.

Yamagata was a great admirer of General Grant, whom he assisted in entertaining when the American chieftain visited Japan on his way around the world. Years later when the Jap warrior passed through New York on his way as special ambassador to the coronation of the czar the first point he expressed a desire to visit was Grant's tomb in Riverside park. This was his third visit to the United States, for which country he has always expressed the warmest affection.

These are the "big four" who more than any other men, living or dead, have contributed to the making of modern Japan. It is peculiarly fitting that they should be set aside in a body of advisers to the emperor whom they placed upon the throne and whom they have served so long and so faithfully.

J. A. EDGERTON.

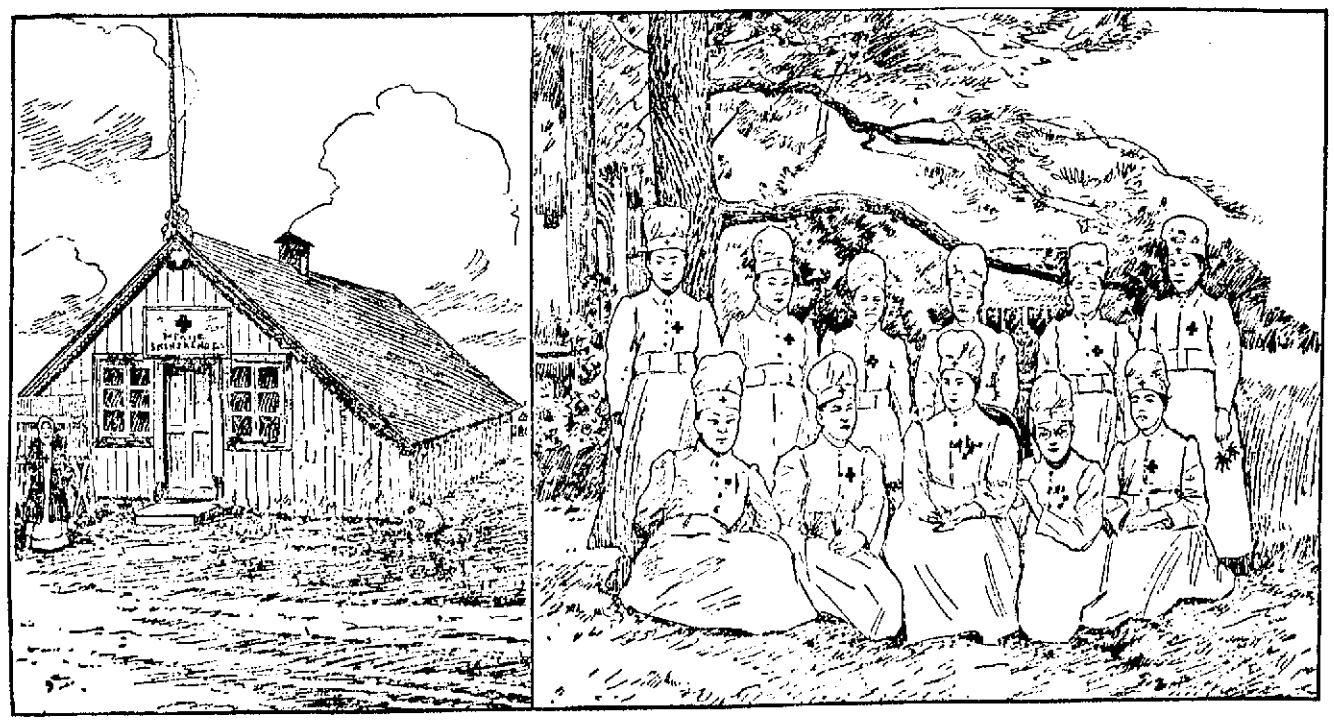
The Red Cross Service In the Russo-Japanese War

THERE is one universal banner recognized by all the nations of the earth. It consists of a crimson cross upon a field of snow. It floats side by side with every flag, is respected by people of every race and creed, has the right of way into every military camp and receives from every soldier homage second only to that rendered the standard under which he fights. Yet it is a badge without political significance, a symbol of mercy and not of murder, an ensign of peace. Those enlisted under it are soldiers of life instead of of death; they come not to maim and destroy, but to help and to heal. Thus every army carries an organized rebuke of its own bloodthirsty purpose; every war engenders an agency that prophesies the end of war.

No institution of this age is more enshrined in the hearts of all men than the Red Cross. It attends alike the American and his Spanish foe, Briton and Boer, Turk and Bulgar, Slav and Jap. In fact, its work has never been more thoroughly organized than in the present war in the far east. The czar himself is the head of it in Russia, and a prince royal is its president in the Land of the Rising Sun.

The presence of the Red Cross in a Russian war is not a new thing. It was in evidence in the struggle with Turkey in 1878. The Mussulman also employed it, but asked that he might change the emblem to a crescent. This the czar's government agreed to, provided the Turk would respect the badge worn by the Russian agents of the society. The porte assented, and the arrangement was accordingly made.

It was in an earlier war with Russia—that of the Crimea—that the idea really had its birth, though in this case it was among the foes of the great bear. The British minister of war saw the need of some organized effort to care for the sick and wounded. He asked Florence Nightingale, then a nurse in a London hospital, to undertake the work, and the efficient manner in which she and her attendant angels of mercy carried out the mission not only alleviated the sufferings of thousands of soldiers in the Crimea, but made the name of Florence Nightingale immortal. The general and organic plan did not take form till some years later, however. A citizen of Switzerland of the name of Henry Dunant was traveling in Italy in 1859 and witnessed the battle of Solferino. He helped to care for the wounded and was deeply impressed by the lack of hospital facilities. He had read of the work of Florence Nightingale and decided to publish a book describing the horrors of Solferino and to advocate a plan for the care of the victims of future wars. This he did shortly after, and the book created a sensation, being translated into several languages. M. Dunant succeeded in interesting Gustav Moynier, president of the Society of Public Utility of Switzerland, and several eminent physicians in his plan, and the upshot was the calling of the famous Geneva convention of August, 1864, which provided for the Red Cross. Sixteen nations signed the Geneva articles of agreement, which number has since increased to forty-three, including practically every important civilized power on earth. In honor to Switzerland, the badge adopted was modeled on her national flag, which is a cross of white on a field of crimson. The reverse, a cross of red on a field of white, was made the emblem, and likewise the name of the Red Cross. As a further recognition of the Swiss republic, its tribunal has always been considered the central body through which all appeals pass, and the head of that body, the same Gustav Moynier before mentioned, is by courtesy considered the international head of the entire service.



RUSSIAN RED CROSS HOSPITAL AT HARBIN. A GROUP OF JAPANESE RED CROSS NURSES.

Russia was not one of the nations to participate in the Geneva convention and did not sign the agreement till some years later. It can be said to her credit, however, that a few years ago her empress dowager bestowed a pension on M. Dunant, then old and in poverty. It can also be said for Russia that it was at The Hague peace convention, called by the present czar, that necessary amendments were made to the Geneva agreement, and the work of the Red Cross was extended to the navies of the world. It may be remarked in passing that America was not one of the original signatory powers either, but it was through Clara Barton, the head of the American society in after years, that the victims of natural calamities, such as earthquakes and floods, were added as subjects of Red Cross work. Incidentally, Russia was also concerned in this, but as a recipient. At the time of the great Russian famine Miss Barton, under this very provision, organized a mission of mercy that gained the undying gratitude of the Slav empire.

In the present war the Russian plans for Red Cross work are very extensive. At a recent meeting in St. Petersburg it was reported that 30,000 beds, $700,000 worth of bread and $20,000 worth of meat had been prepared for shipment. The funds available for the work at that time were $3,000,000, and it was planned to spend $4,000,000 during the first six months of the war. Count Orloff Davidoff has given $500,000 for hospital and medical use at the front. Of this amount $200,000 is to be devoted to the establishment of a school for children made orphans by the war. Russia's Red Cross society is said to be the richest in the world. The czarina is giving every encouragement to the work, and the czar's sister has volunteered to go to the front and assist in the actual nursing of the sick and wounded.

In this humanitarian service Japan is not one whit behind her bigger adversary. The Red Cross society in the Land of the Rising Sun was founded in 1877 to care for the victims of the rebellion in the southwest provinces. It was then called the Hakuaisha, "the society of benevolence." At the end of the rebellion the organization was made permanent to provide for other wars in future. In 1886 the government became signatory to the Geneva articles of agreement, and the association adopted the name of the Red Cross Society of Japan, its scope of work was enlarged and rules were adopted for its permanent government. In the Chino-Japanese war the service was still further developed, and the hospital department of the mikado's army received praise from all witnesses of that conflict. By order of Count Oyama, the minister of war, the usages of civilized warfare were followed, with the one notable exception of the massacre at Port Arthur, which was deeply deplored by the Tokyo government.

Since 1895 the growth of the Red Cross in Japan has kept pace with her wonderful military and naval evolution in other lines. There are now over 800,000 members in the empire, and the annual conventions are patriotic events of great national importance, the attendance frequently reaching 200,000. The imperial family takes an active interest in the organization, one of the royal princes being its president. Nurses are trained in an imperial hospital founded for the purpose. The two leading medical men of the empire, Barons Ishiguro and Hashimoto, are active spirits. National headquarters are established in Tokyo, where a number of modern and commodious buildings are set aside for the purpose. A large corps of surgeons has been especially trained for the service in addition to the thousands of nurses. All the up to date medical appliances have been provided in liberal quantities, and in addition each private soldier is required to carry a kit of first aids to the wounded and is instructed as to its use. The Red Cross service is under military discipline and is thoroughly drilled, each nurse being given a three years' course before going into the field. From this it is seen that the little island kingdom is fully prepared to care for the victims of the present war.

Notwithstanding this fact, however, she gladly accepted the tender of services of a noble American Red Cross worker, Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee of Philadelphia, president of the Society of Spanish-American War Nurses, who recently started for Tokyo with a large corps of trained assistants. This action on the part of Dr. McGee serves to call attention anew to the universal character and the unselfish spirit of the Red Cross work.

JAMES L. TREVATHAN.

INTENT TO KILL

Sheriff Had No Right to Shoot Sanborn

Edgar Sanborn, the crazy man who escaped from two New Jersey officers in East Billerica, last Monday night, has already furnished enough matter from which to evolve a comic opera, and the end is not yet. Three possibilities are in view—the arrest of Deputy Sheriff Fleetwood of New Jersey on a charge of assault with intent to kill; an attempt of the New Jersey officers to recover possession of Sanborn by means of a requisition, and the escape of Sanborn from being tried on any of the criminal charges to which he has confessed, by being returned to the Worcester insane hospital, whence he escaped last June.

The case has caused a great deal of comment in police circles, and the almost unanimous opinion is that the New Jersey officers exceeded their authority in bringing Sanborn into the state a prisoner. In this state they have no standing as officers of the law, and, even if their purpose was, as they claim it was, to recover property which he had stolen, they should have invited the cooperation of Massachusetts officers in order to legally retain custody of their prisoner.

Having him in this state, a prisoner, they could not legally have taken him out of it again, as they admit they intended to do, without going through certain forms of law. These forms they apparently did not consider.

But most significant of all was the act of Deputy Sheriff Fleetwood in shooting Sanborn when the latter broke away from him and started to run through the woods. High legal authority has been consulted by Chief Shaw of the state police and the opinion has been given that this act was without justification in law. It is intimated that the officer, having no legal standing in this state, by so shooting is amenable to a charge of assault with intent to kill, and it is more than likely that the matter will be presented for the consideration of the next Middlesex grand jury.

If the governor of New Jersey should issue a requisition asking for the surrender of Sanborn, on the ground that he has been tried and is awaiting sentence on a charge of burglary in that state, there will be a contest on the ground that Sanborn was at large in this state and that the charge on which he was arrested when he was sent to the Worcester insane asylum antedates the New Jersey charge.

Before the law, by virtue of that disposition of the charge of setting fire to the railroad station at Auburn, Sanborn is still insane and it is a question whether, such being the fact, he will not have to be returned to the asylum without being tried on any of the burglary charges which have developed as a result of his arrest, because, being insane, he cannot be held legally responsible for his acts.

Sanborn is confined in the East Cambridge jail to await the hearing in Lowell on the charge of breaking and entering the Talbot and Holden residences in Billerica. This hearing is set down for March 29.

ABOUT SANBORN

HE CONFESSED TO OFFICERS THAT HE FEIGNS INSANITY.

All the alienists from here to Jericho may adjudge Edgar F. Sanborn insane but they will never succeed in influencing Chief Conway of Billerica and the Lowell police who had to do with the hunt for Sanborn to that belief. They believe the man is sane and that the facial contortions he indulges in are made for the occasion.

He admitted to Captain Kew and Officer Conway that he had made a study at feigning insanity. "I have it down so fine," he said, "that I can fool the experts as well as the officers."

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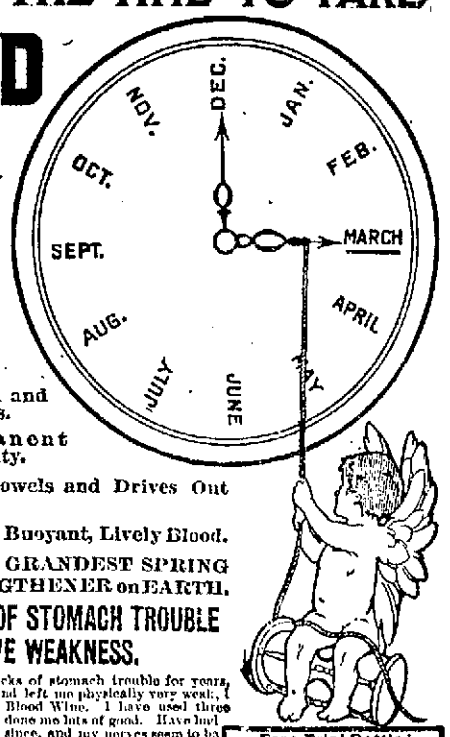

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The total quantity pumped last year was 2,000,036,182 gallons, "which continued to maintain its high standard of purity."

These figures and the accompanying comment are found in the annual report of the water board just at hand.

The water department's expenses for the year were $200,232.47 as against total receipts of $196,127.20 and the department balance was reduced to $3050.92. The coal bill for the year was $43,824.68 as against $18,516.60 the previous year.

The total debt of the department is $1,183,900. The sinking fund for bonds, however, amounts to $317,336.14 for the water works loan and $66,170.60 for the high service. The last payment on the second driven well loan will be made this year, saving the department an expense of $6000 annually.

TOOK THE KEYS

House Thieves Not Satisfied With Jewelry

They do tell that even in a thief a spark of honor is sometimes found, but the thief or thieves who visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Bruley at 98 Pine street a few nights ago, were not burdened with honor.

After taking what jewelry they could find and failing to connect with ready money, they took the keys from all the doors, including cupboard doors, and emptied the contents of bureau drawers and trunks about the floor. The fact tht two gold chains and other articles of jewelry were found on the stairs gave the impression that the men were interrupted in their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruley returned home about 10 o'clock Monday night and found the doors of their own home locked against them. The doors were fastened from the inside and it is supposed that the thieves were then at work and that they made their escape through a rear window, while Mr. Bruley was engaged in breaking down a side door. The thieves got away with several articles of jewelry prized more for the memories attached to them than for their real value.

HIS ARM BROKEN

MAN SWAM DISTANCE OF 100 YARDS.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 25.—George H. N. Johnson, junior member of the firm of Hincks & Johnson, carriage manufacturers, fell asleep while returning to this city from New York Wednesday night and when the train reached here at 12.30 he failed to awake. While the train was pulling out of the city, however, he was aroused by the brakeman's announcement that the next stop would be New Haven, and he rushed, half dazed, out of the car to find that the train was just going over the rolling lift bridge. A jolt of the train threw him off the car platform and he landed on the ties, sustaining a compound fracture of the right arm. Then he rolled off the bridge into the harbor, and the shock of the sudden bath restored him completely to consciousness.

Swimming with his left arm for 100 yards or more, he reached the fender piling of the bridge and rested there for an hour until his cries for help were heard by the crew of a freight train which had stopped on the bridge.

How to rescue him was a puzzle to the trainmen, but Johnson had a plan. By his direction the rolling lift was opened so that the counter-weights which drop toward the water were just above his head. He was not quite able to reach the bridge even then, but by attaching a ladder to the lower part of the structure he was able to crawl to the counter-weights and on this impromptu lever was brought to safety.

He was carried to the railroad station in a freight car. When he reached there he refused to have an ambulance called, but took a cab for his home, where a physician attended him.

Mr. Johnson is 50 years old and a 33d degree Mason. Yesterday he was fairly comfortable, though pneumonia was threatened.

NORTH BILLERICA

Invitations for the Royal Arcanum ball have been sent out by Secretary Herbert S. Russell. Already about fifteen candidates have been secured for the class initiation on the sixth of next month.

Miss Martha Balmforth, instructress in the designing department at the Lowell Textile school, entertained about forty textile students at her home in Billerica avenue Wednesday evening. A fine musical and literary program was carried out.

The annual town meeting will be held Monday at the centre village. A hot contest for the different offices is promised.

MISS DELUDE'S SPRING OPENING.

Miss Delude of 111 Merrimack street has prepared for her customers a very select line of trimmed hats and bonnets, as well as many shapes and ribbons and other material used in making a hat or bonnet. Miss Delude's reputation for excellence in style and design is too well known to need any further comment. We will simply state that her display this year surpasses her previous efforts, and the ladies should not fail to pay a visit to this popular millinery establishment today or tomorrow.

It is more profitable to advertise honorably and fail in the attempt to get business, than to advertise dishonorably and succeed for a little while.

Double Green or Blue Stamps Saturday — 2 Instead of 1 — Double Green or Blue Stamps Saturday

2 for 1

THE BARGAIN SHOE STORE OF LOWELL

New Idea Shoe Co.
121 MERRIMACK STREET

Double Green or Blue Trading Stamps Saturday

We are also offering many bargains in Shoes for Easter.

A GREAT BARGAIN

500 Pairs Ladies' and Misses' $1.50 Shoes and Oxfords, light or heavy soles and patent leather tips. Every pair warranted strictly solid. **98c Pair**

Children's Wedge Heel and No Heel Shoes, with leather soles. Everybody charges 30c. Sale Price **19c** Pair

Children's 50c Wedge Heel, Hand-Turned Shoes. Sale Price **39c** Pair

Men's $1.50 Box Calf or Satin Shoes, warranted solid leather. Sale Price **1.19** Pair

We are selling the best "No Rip" Shoes in town for youths and little gents. Sale Price **98c** Pair

Men's $2.50 and $3.00 Box Calf and Vici Hand-Welted Shoes. Sale Price **1.98** Pair

The Famous "Superior" $2.50 Oxfords for ladies, all styles. Sale Price **1.98** Pair

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See Fine Display in Show Windows

THE

True Test

Correct Dress from Head to Foot

Of different stocks is COMPARISON. All houses have their buyers who go to the market, and those buyers looking at the lines vary in their taste in selection. Therefore, all stocks in this town also vary. The question for you is who has the most tasty, dressy garments for the least money? There are reasons for the phenomenal success of this new firm. We buy good materials, have them made up by people who understand their work, and sell them at prices the people can afford to pay. Prices really tell very little in the paper until you have seen the goods.

We invite your attention to our immense display of Spring Clothes for Men and Young Men, showing exclusively highest grade productions of

B. Kuppenheimer & Co., Chicago

There are thousands of Lowell's best dressers today that are wearing KUPPENHEIMER make clothes; men who previously have had all of their clothes made by high-priced merchant tailors. It is not altogether a matter of economy with them, it is more a desire to have the best.

The popularity of this hand-tailored clothing is due to several reasons:

IT IS ALWAYS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT IN STYLE.
IT IS MADE FROM THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF FABRICS.
IT IS TAILORED BY EXPERT MEN TAILORS.
IT HAS CHARACTER AND INDIVIDUALITY.
IT GIVES YOU GENTEEL AND EXCLUSIVE PATTERNS.
IT GUARANTEES YOU A PERFECT FIT.
IT COSTS FULLY 50 PER CENT. LESS THAN TAILOR'S PRICES.

HERE IS KUPPENHEIMER'S GUARANTEE:—If you are not absolutely satisfied with a garment bearing our guarantee ticket, if it fails to give proper service, shrinks, loses its shape, stretches or does not look as well after a reasonable amount of wear as when first purchased, the merchant you bought it from will refund your money.

Kuppenheimer Clothes are the only ones you can purchase which carry with them this unlimited protection.

We keep your clothes pressed Free of Charge.

The papers are full of so-called bargains that if they WERE AS ADVERTISED would make all the merchants bankrupt. For a guide to you, we will say that our prices on

Men's Suits range from.....$5.00 to $25.00
Men's Top Coats range from.....$5.00 to $20.00
Men's Rain Coats range from.....10.00 to $20.00
Boys' Two-Piece Suits range from $1.50 to $5.00
Boys' Three-Piece Suits range from.....$2.50 to $7.00
Sailor Suits (wide and narrow collars), range from.....$1.23 to $6.00
Russian Suits range from.....$4.00 to $7.50
Boys' Top Coats range from.....$2.95 to $5.00

You see the range is wide from low to high price, and we will warrant our prices. What we ask you is to see our goods before you buy, as we feel certain we have the best assortment "though we may be wrong," and if so, we want to know it. Come and tell us what YOU think. The "late things" in Shirts, Gloves, Neckwear, Hats, Shoes.

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Lowell One Price Clothing Co. 72-86 Merrimack St.

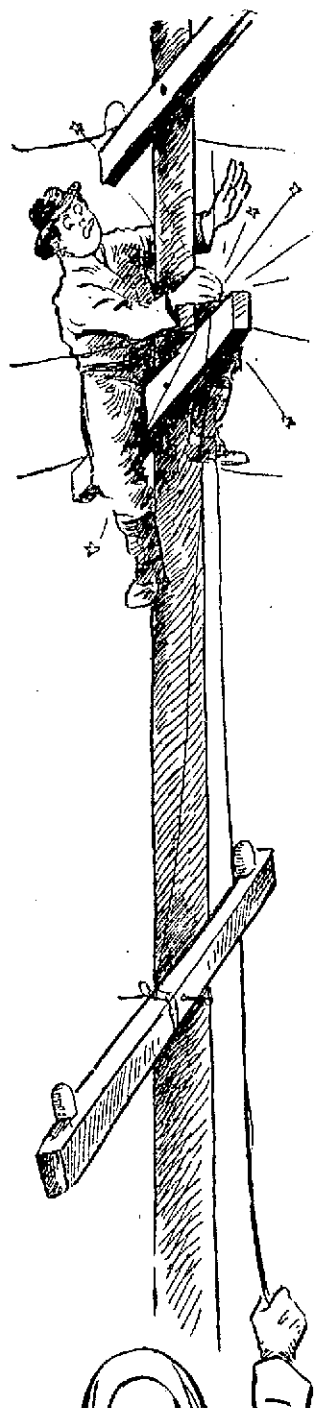
NARROW ESCAPE

Frank Burke Grasped a Live Light Wire

THROWN FROM POLE TO THE GROUND

Taken Unconscious to Hospital-Will Recover

Frank Burke, aged 26 years, residing at Laurel street and employed by the Lowell Electric Light company, while working on a pole at the junction of Pawtucket and Middlesex streets, late yesterday afternoon, received a shock from a defective insulated wire carrying 2200 volts. He was thrown from the pole to the ground, a distance of 30 feet, and still lives to relate his painful experience. Burke's escape



SHOCKED ON AN ELECTRIC LIGHT POLE.

from death was one of the narrowest that has occurred in this city for a good many years. He is now at St. John's hospital, his wounds not being of a very serious nature.

Burke had been working with a gang of linemen under the direction of Foreman P. J. McDermott, and at the time of the accident was on the cross bar of the pole working with Charles George attaching an additional cross bar. He was a few feet above the point where the new bar was to be affixed. George was on the sidewalk below and had tied the new beam to the rope, preparatory to hoisting it to its place.

In order to assist, Burke endeavored to change his position and in doing so caught hold of a wire near the glass insulator by which it is fastened. Instantly his body straightened, he lost his balance and was hurled to the ground. He was picked up unconscious and from the power house nearby a hurried summons was sent for the ambulance, which responded with admirable promptness and he was taken to St. John's hospital, where he soon regained consciousness and talked freely with the doctors as they examined him.

The only outward injury discovered was a severe burn in the palm of his right hand. No broken bones were found but Burke was placed under observation for internal injuries and it will be determined today whether or not he sustained such injuries.

The wire which Burke grasped was charged with 2200 volts, but coming through the defective insulator as it did, he received only a small portion of that voltage. It is surprising that he was not killed from the effects of the fall.

FUNERALS

DUCEY—The funeral of the late Patrick Ducey will take place tomorrow morning from his home, No. 338 Fletcher street at 9.15. Mass of requiem at St. Patrick's church at 10 o'clock.

O'BRIEN—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary A. O'Brien took place this morning at 8.30 from her late home, No. 172 Howard street and was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives. The cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church where a mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock. Rev. Fr. Heffernan officiating. The choir, under the direction of Mr. John Warburton, sang the Gregorian mass, and during the services rendered appropriate selections, Mrs. McKennedy presiding at the organ. At the grave Rev. Fr. Heffernan read the committal prayers. The bearers were Philip Ginty, Frank Danahy, Thomas Welch and George Grady. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

DEATHS

KEENAN—Patrick Keenan, an old resident of this city, died today at his home, 125 Railroad street. The deceased was a devout and constant attendant at St. Peter's church and had been ill for a long time. He leaves to mourn his loss a daughter, Sarah F., of the C. I. Hood Co., and a son, William J., a druggist in Boston.

The funeral will take place from his late home, 125 Railroad street, Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, and services will be held at St. Peter's church at three o'clock.

SPRING MILLINERY OPENING.

Don't fail to attend the opening of fine millinery at Johnson's, 314 Merrimack street, Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26.

BROWNIES NEARLY WON.

The Highland club bowlers defeated the Brownies on the former's alleys in Princeton street last night, but they had a narrow escape from defeat. The first two strings resulted in victories by good margins for the Highland boys, but the third one was a bad one and the Brownies won it by 56 pins. The score:

HIGHLANDS.

	1	2	3	T'l
Lazelle	91	99	71	261
Lee	91	88	66	245
Green	96	92	65	253
Runels	85	75	76	236
Wing	82	72	73	227
Total	445	426	351	1222

BROWNIES.

Coleman	78	76	91	245
O'Hehr	84	84	80	248
Moran	79	71	96	246
McLaughlin	92	74	67	233
O'Brien	83	80	73	236
Total	416	385	407	1208

CRICKET PRIZES.

The following prizes will be offered by the Zion Cricket club during the coming season:

Prize for best bowling average is offered by Col. James Carmichael.

Prize for best batting average is a specially designed gold medal valued at $35, donated by the Grant Jewelry Co., Merrimack street.

Prize for best fielding average is a choice of a first-class suit or overcoat, donated by the Merrimack Clothing Co., Merrimack street.

The above will be awarded to the qualifying members of the first eleven.

The prizes for the second eleven players are as follows:

Best bowling average $5.00 gold piece, donated by Hon. George E. Putnam.

Best batting average, gents' dress suit case, donated by Lowell One Price Clothing Co., Merrimack street.

A prize for the best fielding average will be given.

The Zions open their season with North Billerica at home in a Merrimack Valley league game.

A very pleasing incident of this meeting was the presentation by Matt Meiklejohn of a handsome pipe in case to Vice President Thatcher.

A meeting of the Merrimack Valley Cricket league will be held in the Arlington hotel on Saturday, April 2 at 7.30 p. m.

AMONG THE CONVALESCENTS.

City Solicitor Hogan is still confined to his home, though he will able to be around again in a short time. He had a severe attack of illness.

The little Rowe girl who was so seriously injured in the Bowers street coasting accident and whose life was despaired of for a few days has recovered sufficiently to be able to return to her home and she will be all right in a short time.

FINE DISPLAY

SPRING OPENING AT MRS. COURTNEY'S MILLINERY STORE.

At the millinery parlors of Mrs. W. F. Courtney, ladies, you can see the real article in beautiful millinery. This establishment is one of the grandest in the city. Her display of trimmed hats while not as extensive perhaps as some of the others cannot be excelled for real artistic workmanship. Mrs. Courtney has built up a very large business since she started which was brought about by excellence of workmanship and reasonable prices. The opening will continue today and tomorrow and all are welcome to visit her establishment.

DEACON BLAKE

REPORTED TO BE IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Deacon Blake of Tewksbury, who was thrown from his wagon in Central street yesterday afternoon, is still unconscious at St. John's hospital where he was taken shortly after the accident. His case is considered critical.

Frank Burke, who fell from a pole in Middlesex street yesterday afternoon, is also at the hospital and is resting comfortably.

10 per cent. discount at Cooper's, 320 Merrimack street.

EVERY ITEM
On This Price-List From the
ABELS' STORE
Is a Money-Saver.

Children's Drawers, three tucks, all sizes.....10c Pair
Children's Drawers, with hemstitched ruffle.....12½c Pair
Ladies' Drawers, six inch tucked and hemstitched cambric ruffle.....25c Pair
Children's Night Robes, yoke of tucks and embroidery..... 39c
Ladies' Night Robes, yoke of tucks and embroidery..... 50c
Misses' Kid Gloves, spring colors.....69c Pair
Ladies' Kid Gloves, spring colors.....79c and $1.00 Pair
Willimantic Spool Cotton, for Saturday only, 3 Spools for 11c
Six Rolls White Tape, assorted widths, for..... 9c
Angora Dress Braid, 5 yard pieces.....10c Piece

We Give Trading Stamps.

S. ABELS
Merrimack, Corner Kirk Street.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The winter of 1903-1904 has been the coldest on record. It is now showing signs of breaking up and the blanket of snow is disappearing. It will leave dirty yards and surfaces for some time on the foundation of thick ice and frozen ground. The health department will commence at once to remove the large accumulation of filth and it asks the co-operation of every householder and citizen in their effort to cleanse the surface of Lowell as quickly and thoroughly as possible. To those who have kept in the cellars during the winter the ashes from furnace we ask to gradually put them out for removal so that our teams may not be overcrowded with the work to be done.

H. H. KNAPP, Agent,
Board of Health.

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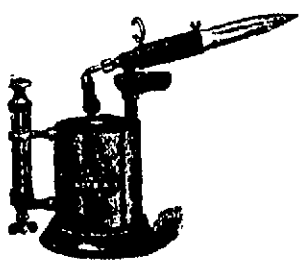

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In plain colors, Black, Blue, Brown, Grey and Ecru, 36 and 38 inches wide, in remnants—good goods for waists, skirts and shirt waist suits, worth 50c.
Only 25c yd

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In plain and fancy colors, 45 and 50 inches wide, long remnants, worth 75c.
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Wool Suitings
27 inches wide, plain and fancy weaves, in Blue, Gray and Brown mixtures, long remnants, 5 to 12 yards; fine for suits, etc.; worth 75c.
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Wool Challies
Fine Satin Stripes in both plain colors and figures. All of the spring stuffs for waists and dresses, usually 39c.
Only 20c yd

Boston Cinghams
Plain and fancy weaves; a great variety of colors and patterns in stripes and checks; worth 10c and 12½c.
Only 7c yd

Torchon Laces and Insertions
In all widths from 1 inch to 3½ inches wide; good washable laces; never before sold less than 5c.
Only 3c yd

Women's Hose
Black, Brown and Cream Color. Good heavy Stockings; worth 10c a pair.
Only 7c
4 Pairs for 25c

Boys' Hose
Good, heavy ribbed Stockings, in small sizes, the 12½c and 15c grades.
Only 10c Pair
3 Pairs for 25c

Table Oil Cloth
In all colors, 1¼ yards wide, in full pieces; worth today 20c a yard.
Only 12 1-2c yd

PALMER ST---BASEMENT

Coffee Pots
Good Nickle Plated Pots, 3 pints size; regular price 50c.
Only 25c each

Austrian Vases
Fancy Decorated Austrian Glass; the 25c ones only 10c; the 50c ones
Only 25c

Dinner Set
Full 112 Piece Set, best American Porcelain, new floral decorations; every piece gold lined. Regular price $10.
Only $8.49

Opaque Shades
Best quality, mounted on rollers, trimmed with pretty fringe, all colors; regular price 39c.
Only 25c each

Crepe Paper
For the Easter decorations. Best imported grade.
3 Rolls 25c

Stove Polish
2000 boxes sold here in three weeks, a demonstration which should interest every woman who uses a stove. The Daisy Stove Polish is fire and water proof, no dust or brushing.
3 pkgs for 25c

MERRIMACK ST---BASEMENT

Lowell, Friday, March 25, 1904.

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

We Give the B. & M. Dark Blue Trading Stamps. 2 for 1 Tomorrow

A Grand Showing of What's Best
—FOR—
EASTER WEAR

There's Easter readiness all over this big store. Every department has been quietly busy with the getting ready and now we present to you such an array of Easter wearables as you've never seen in this section before.

For Women -- Superb Millinery, Stylish Suits, Jackets, Waists, Skirts, etc; Pretty New Neckwear; Proper Gloves, Up-to-Date Shoes, Nobby Hosiery, etc; Right Corsets, Latest Veilings, etc.

For Men--New Spring Hats, Swell Neckties, New Collars and Cuffs, Swagger Hosiery, Pretty Shirts, Good Gloves, and all the Swell Togs that make the Man's Easter a Most Satisfactory One.

Remember that at this "store of solid worth" you will always find the most value for your money

Men's Hats

New Spring Styles Sold Here at About Half the Usual Prices

A most unusual offer to Lowell's traders. May we tell you briefly of the tremendous selling which began here yesterday morning? Most of the time there were ten salesmen selling "Hats for Men and Boys"—a sale is easily made when the style and price are right. The styles were new and the prices half what you usually find them. Small wonder then that yesterday's hat business was extraordinary—the biggest in Lowell. But we expect more business today and still more tomorrow, for the assortment is still large and every hat sold is our best advertisement—THE GREATEST VALUE EVER OFFERED IN LOWELL.

The entire sample lines of three prominent manufacturers, including all newest blocks and colors of 1904 Derbies and a big assortment of Alpines, at these prices:

Men's Black Derby Hats, $3.50 and $3.00 quality, only.....$1.29 EACH
Men's Black and Brown Derbies, $1.50 and $2.00 quality, only.....89c EACH
Men's Alpine Hats and Soft Felts, $2.00 and $3.00 quality, only....98c EACH
Men's Alpines and Soft Felts, $1.00 and $1.25 quality, only.....49c EACH
Men's Black and Brown Soft Felts, 60c and 75c quality, only.....29c EACH
Boys' Soft Hats, $1.00 and $1.25 quality, only.....49c EACH
Boys' Soft Felt Hats, 60c and 75c quality, only.....29c EACH

PALMER STREET—BASEMENT.

The 37 1-2c Waistings
At Less Than Half That Price---Selling Well.

Good for us that the quantity was large; good for you, too, who come today or tomorrow, for we've had a most busy time among the summer cottons.

Boston Bareties and Mercerized Suitings in all new colorings, some striped, others with snowflake effect. Regular price 37½c a yard. Our price

Only 17c a Yard

They're remnants carefully matched into waist and suit lengths. Th every prettiest of cotton fabrics for spring and early summer wear.

Palmer Street—Centre Aisle.

Millinery

Hard to find prettier hats than ours at any price. None like ours at any price.

250 Black Chiffon Hats with jet crowns and fancy braid hats, regular price $2.50....ONLY $1.49 EACH

300 samples Ladies' and Misses' Shirt Waist Hats 69c, 98c and $1.25

800 Untrimmed Straws for...29c, 49c, 69c and 98c
New Ostrich Plumes of excellent quality, $1.49 to $0.93

Flowers, Foliage and Berries, 10c, 29c, 49c and 69c BUNCH

300 Bunches Endless Roses; regular price $1.49, ONLY 98c BUNCH

Palmer Street—Centre Aisle.

HANDKERCHIEES
From the Lawson Stock at a Great Reduction.

Men's Cotton Handkerchiefs for 3c Each. Lawson's price 5c each.

Men's All Linen Handkerchiefs for 9c Each. Lawson's price 12½c each.

Men's Hemstitched All Linen Handkerchiefs for 17c Each. Lawson's price 25c.

Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs for 19c Each. Lawson's price 25c.

Ladies' Cotton Handkerchiefs for 3c Each. Lawson's price 5c.

Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs, 9c, 17c, 25c Each. Lawson's price 12½c, 25c and 37c.

Ladies' Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs for 17c, 25c, 50c and 75c Each. Lawson's price 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.25.

Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs for 9c and 17c Each. Lawson's price 12½c and 25c.

East Section—Centre Aisle.

Black Velvet Ribbons
Priced at Less Than Half Their Worth

It's about a year since we could offer Velvet Ribbons at these prices. 10,000 yards go on sale this day—All Silk Black Velvet Ribbons with satin back. These are the very low prices:

No. 5.....Only 8c a Yard
No. 7.....Only 10c a Yard
No. 9.....Only 15c a Yard
No. 12.....Only 20c a Yard
No. 16.....Only 25c a Yard
No. 22.....Only 25c a Yard

You'll find slight damages in these ribbons, hardly noticeable though, and far between.

SALE TODAY.

West Section—Centre Aisle.

Tea and Coffee Department

FOR 85c—1 pound Coffee, ½ pound Oolong or Mixed Tea, 1 can Admiral Cocoa, 1 can Pot Cream, 1 package Uneeda Biscuit, 5 pounds Sugar---FOR 85c.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
5.48	8.50	6.00	7.04
6.22	7.40	6.30	7.26
a6.33	7.34	7.03	8.55
a6.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
a7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.57
e7.26	8.10	a10.05	10.57
a7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.35	e11.30	12.07
8.50	9.46	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.57
11.00	12.08	2.00	3.01
a11.45	12.33	e3.00	3.37
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.20
a1.56	2.38	e5.00	5.57
a3.05	4.30	5.23	6.25
a4.47	6.20	a5.47	6.54
4.55	5.50	6.14	7.30
e5.22	6.16	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.05
a6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
e7.22	8.10	11.20	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS

Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
e8.00	7.00	9.00	10.00
a7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.59
e9.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
e5.38	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6.50	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.32
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.32	2.15	3.10
12.45	1.57	3.30	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.50	5.50
3.30	4.10	6.01	7.05
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
5.00	6.43	8.38	10.40
6.15	7.16	B11.15	12.15
7.00	8.00		
9.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.27
5.30	6.56		
8.00	9.05		

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LOCAL NEWS

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Next week is "Quarter Week" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings bank. Deposits are placed upon interest Saturday, April 2nd.

ATTENDED BANQUET.

Messrs. J. H. Guillet and L. P. Turcotte of this city attended a banquet of La Societe Historique Franco-Americaine in Young's hotel, Boston, yesterday.

CAKE SALE.

Don't forget to buy your cake for Sunday at the cake sale tomorrow in the Brothers' school hall, Suffolk street. The sale will be held between 2 and 7 p. m. under the auspices of the St. Vincent De Paul society, in aid of the St. Patrick's church building fund.

GRAND SPRING OPENING.

Miss J. F. Kenney invites the ladies to call and inspect her stock of choice millinery today and tomorrow. Miss Kenney has always enjoyed a large patronage and it seems once a customer always a customer. She has a knack of pleasing both in price and quality. Her display this year is even better than any previously shown. Don't fail to visit her store at 725 Merrimack street while out inspecting the openings.

PERSONALS

A. G. Thompson of this city attended a meeting of lumber manufacturers at Manchester, N. H., yesterday.

Among recent deaths in the North Country is that of Dwight S. Heath of Franconia, N. H. His death was due to tuberculosis, which dated back two years. He was born at St. Johnsbury, Vt., July 16, 1865, moving when 2 years old to Peacham, Vt. He was a member of Lafayette grange of Franconia and an active worker. He leaves a widow, two daughters, several brothers and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Spear of Lowell, Mass., George Corey of Littleton is an uncle.

Mr. Peter A. Clune, after being threatened with pneubonia, is able to be out once more.

Mr. David A. McHugh, who went back to the Lowell General hospital for a short time, has left that institution and is now well along towards recovery.

Mr. J. B. Cover is spending a few weeks with relatives in Maryland.

Mrs. A. C. Cruchet of 317 Westford street is spending a week in New York city.

Dr. C. W. Taylor is confined to the house by grip.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY

SAYS NAVY MAN SHOULD KEEP OUT OF POLITICS.

RICHMOND, Va., March 25—When asked about reports as to his candidacy for the presidential nomination of the democratic ticket, Admiral Winfield S. Schley, replied that he thought it would be a mistake for a navy man to get into national politics.

INSANITY PLEA

TRUEMAN FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 25—William Trueman, 18 years old, the second of the four boys to be tried for killing Balsano, an Italian grocer, in an attempted hold up, was found guilty of manslaughter yesterday.

Heimberger, another member of the same gang, has been convicted of murder in the second degree. Trueman's defense was a plea of insanity.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at Goodale's drug store, 217 Central street, Lowell.

WAR NEWS

A dispatch from Japan says: The Japanese goods have advanced twenty-five per cent., so don't miss this opportunity. It is a chance of a lifetime. We are having a clearance sale of all Japanese and eastern art work. We give you 25 to 35 per cent. discount on all goods. Come in and examine our prices. The only sale of its kind ever offered in Lowell. THE ORIENTAL BAZAAR, 313 Merrimack street.

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RIVER RAMPANT

Ice Breaks in Merrimack Near Dam

RIVER CLEAR UP TO ICE HOUSE

Magnificent Spectacle Presented Last Night

"Released from her icy fetters the rampant Merrimack resumes her wildly majestic rush to the sea, presenting a magnificent spectacle to him who loves to commune with nature." Thus spoke Andy Owens, hunter, fisherman and wanderer of the woods, a veritable child of nature, to The Sun reporter last evening as he proceeded to wax eloquent on his one favorite subject, "The beauty of nature"; for it happened to be Andy's good fortune to be driving across the Pawtucket bridge yesterday afternoon just at the moment when with a mighty crash the ice near the dam was torn asunder and pitched in chaotic disorder over the dam and down through the series of whirlpools below the bridge.

The river rose perceptibly during the day and it was late in the afternoon when the ice began to break. Up to yesterday the ice remained solid up to within a few feet of the dam, but this morning the river was open up as far as the icehouses. Up to dark and even after the bridge was lined with people watching with awed admiration the force of the waters as they hurled the great cakes of ice about as though they were so many chips. Some were lifted high in the air and fell over the dam with a crash which sent the spray in all directions.

At the first break of the ice the flashboards went over, leaving only the bent spikes which had held them over the top of the dam. These offered temporary resistence to the larger cakes of ice, but the force of the current in every instance but one was too great for them to withstand any length of time.

The one exception showed a huge rectangular mass of ice about 25 or 30 feet long and half as wide. This settled on the top of the dam and for hours resisted the force of the current. It was still daylight when the immense mass first appeared and it remained for a time standing high in the air on one end until about 10 o'clock last night, when it collapsed, and breaking into many smaller pieces followed the hundreds that had gone before.

The roar of the waters could be heard throughout the night and at six o'clock this morning the water was four feet seven inches above the crest of the dam. Mr. May, who has charge of the gate house at Pawtucket bridge for the Locks & Canals company, does not fear a freshet unless a great rainstorm comes.

No ice went over the dam this morning, as the ice is still intact above the ice houses.

To save money buy suits at Cooper's.

FOUGHT A DUEL

KANOUNSE KNOCKED OUT COUNT LA VALLE.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A romance in which a little encounter played an important part has reached what is probably its final stage in the announcement made yesterday of the marriage of Miss Grace Davis of Morristown, N. J., and George Kanounse of Dover, N. J., which took place at Long Hill in the early part of January.

The bride is a handsome, vivacious girl of 20, a graduate of Miss Dana's select seminary for young women, and a daughter of H. H. Davis, president of the Barre granite company of Barre, Vt. Mr. Kanounse is the son of Abraham Kanounse of the brokerage firm of Kanounse & Vanderhoof.

Three years ago Count Raoul Henry Philip de Montaigne LaValle made his appearance in town and proclaimed himself a hero of the Spanish-American war. He and Mr. Kanounse both courted Miss Davis assiduously, and soon the noble Frenchman found his stock going down. He did not understand that Kanounse was conducting a "bear" campaign against him. Several stories which he believed Mr. Kanounse to have circulated came to the ears of the count, whereupon he took his pen in hand and wrote as follows:

"Count Raoul Henry Philip DeMontaigne LaValle, deeming his honor to be impugned and his veracity questioned, hereby challenges Mr. George Kanounse to a meeting on the field of honor. Time, place and weapons to be designated by the said Mr. Kanounse."

Mr. Kanounse answered thus: "I, Mr. George Kanounse, accept the conditions mentioned in the challenge of Count, etc., LaValle and agree to meet him on the eastern slope of fort Nonsense at sunrise, two weeks hence; weapons to be ancient eggs at 40 paces."

When the noble count received this communication he boiled and seethed. At last, however, he concluded to accept his rival's offer. The duel never took place because the newspapers got hold of it and city authorities threatened arrest for both hot-headed lovers. Mr. Davis forbade his daughter to continue her acquaintance with the young men.

Next a meeting with 10-ounce gloves was arraigned by a small sporting club. But the gloves were too heavy to give satisfaction to the noble count, and so they went into a bare-knuckle "mill" in the third round. After having measured his length on the floor several times, the count at last failed to respond and was counted out. He left town.

MIDDLESEX CLUB

ENTERTAINED SEVERAL DISTINGUISHED GUESTS LAST NIGHT.

BOSTON, March 25—Lieut. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, U. S. A., and Rear Admirals John C. Watson and Caspar F. Goodrich, U. S. N., were the guests of the Middlesex club at its "Army and Navy Night" celebration at the American house last night.

Gen. Chaffee delivered a brief address, in which he lauded the American soldiers and sailors in the Civil and Spanish wars.

Admiral Watson spoke on the courage of Farragut, while Admiral Goodrich, by personal request, told of his personal experiences while commander of the St. Louis during the Spanish war.

Rev. A. E. Horton, chaplain of the Massachusetts senate, referred to the war between Japan and Russia and made an impassioned plea for sympathy with the Japanese cause.

Other speakers were Gen. W. W. Blackmar, Brig. Gen. Chamberlain and Mr. Field.

CLERGY ENTERTAINED

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL BOYS HONOR VISITING OBLATES.

The boys of St. Joseph's college entertained Rev. Frs. Tatin and Miller, O. M. I., yesterday forenoon in the college hall.

The program consisted of three choruses of 100 voices, sung with Brother Chyrcull directing. After the first chorus the address of welcome to the reverend visitors was read by Master Maxime Cornellier.

Other numbers were a violin solo by Master Eugene Ricard; a song, "Maison de Vendre," Master Arthur Bedreau; "Les 419 Coups," a comical operetta, Masters Maxime Cornellier and Joseph Lamoureux, a violin duet, Masters Edmond Perrault and Herve Lussier; a vocal duet, "Les Fanfare du Croises," Masters Maxime Cornellier and Joseph Lamoureux; "La Fanfare de Nonancourt," operetta, Masters Armand Desmarais, Arthur Lamoureux, Joseph Lamoureux, Maxime Cornellier and Rosario Fontaine.

Both clergymen addressed the children in complimentary manner and a holiday was granted them for the remainder of the day.

TO EACH OTHER

MAN AND WOMAN WILLED THEIR PROPERTY.

PORTLAND, Me., March 25.—Quickly following the double funeral at Falmouth on Wednesday of Capt. William Griffin and Miss Elizabeth J. Bibber, Benjamin Thompson, their attorney, yesterday presented their wills for probate.

Each made a will in favor of the other, but Mrs. Bibber died a few hours before the man she had for years regarded as a son, and her estate went to Capt. Griffin, and will follow the provisions of his last will. He conveyed his estate, in the event of the death of Mrs. Bibber, to the city of Portland for the Pine Grove cemetery in Falmouth, and in the event of that corporation ceasing to exist, to the Maine general hospital. The estate is supposed to be worth from $50,000 to $60,000.

Had Capt. Griffin died first, the estate would have gone to the town of Bristol, the income to have been devoted to the care of the worthy poor of the town.

On his deathbed Capt. Griffin added a codicil to his will, making some small bequests, but not changing the general disposition of the estate.

It is said that both Mrs. Bibber and Capt. Griffin were determined that no portion of their property should go to relatives. Mrs. Bibber even provided that none of her personal effects should be sold in the town.

The heirs of Capt. Griffin are supposed to live in Boston.

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NORTH CHELMSFORD

Monday will be town meeting and all North Chelmsford will be there as the result of the contest for selectman from the north village between James P. Dunnigan and Charles A. Holt.

Mr. Dunnigan defeated Mr. Holt fairly and decisively in the recent caucuses, but Mr. Holt is now running on nomination papers. Mr. Mahoney, who was also a candidate before the caucuses, has gracefully accepted the decision of the voters in caucus and is supporting Mr. Dunnigan, the regular nominee. If the contest were left to North Chelmsford to decide, Mr. Dunnigan would win by an overwhelming majority.

The contest for town clerk is also arousing much interest.

A lively contest is being waged for constable from the east district and prospects look bright for William Shinkwin, who is a candidate on nomination papers. Mr. Shinkwin's friends state that if they doubted his ability to win for a moment, they would have nominated him in the caucus. Now they are making up for their over-confidence and promise to land him in town meeting.

Miss Mildred C. Queen gave an informal reception at her home in Washington street, yesterday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 o'clock to her classmates in the grammar school in honor of Miss Laura G. Shirriffs, who is about to make her new home in Pawtucket, R. I. "Pit" and other games were enjoyed and refreshments served. Among those present were Isabel Bridgeford, Rose Garvey, Iola Gruber, Jane Lavell, Margaret Mulligan, Margaret Walsh, Bertha Piggott, Margaret Ready, Irene Smith, Laura Shirriffs, Mildred Queen, Edward Davis, Edward Duffy, John Hemlow, Arthur McComb, Arthur McEnaney, William Welsh, Clifford Wheeler, Earl Wotton.

WAS DISCOURAGED

BECAUSE HE COULD NOT PAY HIS BILLS.

CLINTON, Mass., March 25—Discouraged because he could not pay his debts as fast as he desired, Ambrose Newman, aged 50, jumped from the bridge into the Nashua river, a distance of 80 feet, and was killed yesterday. The river at this point is two feet deep.

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